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Crime tops conference agenda

Hanley gaffe jolts Tory fightback bid

BY PHILIP WEBSTER POLITICAL EDITOR

AN ATTEMPT by the Tory high command to prevent a grass roots rebellion at next month's conference was undermined last night when the new party chairman said that he doubted his competence to do the job.

The publication today of the conference agenda will confirm widespread concern over the Government's performance on tax, public spending and especially crime.

But last night Jeremy Hanley admitted that there was a question mark over his ability after he described fighting between rival gangs at Saturday night's bout featuring British boxer Nigel Benn as "just exuberance" in a live television interview.

He told Sky News last night: "Yes, it queries my competence." He said that "inexperience" had led him to comment without having seen the television film.

Mr Hanley said: "As soon as I saw the film I was absolutely horrified, because it was exactly the sort of yobbish behaviour — indeed worse than that — that John Major was describing and condemning quite rightly. I was caught on the hop. I am new in this game, I have only been in the job a few weeks, and I am certainly learning to make sure that I have seen the news completely before I go on any television programme."

Earlier Mr Hanleyhad called on Tories to match Labour's record on discipline if they wished to stay in power amid fresh evidence of deep *disillusion with the Government* among party members and fears that the conference could be "a disaster".

Mr Hanley said: "We must show that we are as hungry to retain government as Labour seem hungry to gain it."John Maples, a Conservative deputy chairman and former Treasury minister, is leading a detailed study into the inability of the Government to win any credit for the recovery.

His research into the absence of the "feel-good factor" will be used by party planners as they draw up a strategy to cut Labour's record poll lead. Mr Hanley spoke yesterday of a "voteless recovery" and that workers appear to have welcomed high rises during times of high inflation more than low rises during times of low inflation.

Plans to inject American elements of razzmatazz into the Bournemouth conference have been vetoed. Ministers will be asked to concentrate on speeches setting out the achievements of the Government rather than attacks on Tony Blair and Labour.

The conference plans, masterminded by Mr Hanley, Mr Maples, and Michael Dobbs, the other new deputy chairman, *reflect the deep concerns* about the Government's failure to make ground in spite of the Cabinet reshuffle, improving economic news and Mr Major's attempt to bring peace to Ulster.

But today's agenda will show that trouble is piling up. It suggests a steadily growing groundswell of support in the constituencies for tax cuts. These demands will be helped by figures to be published this week showing that spending and borrowing are running well below forecasts. Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, is known to be reluctant to bring in early reductions, and wants to concentrate on cutting borrowing.

By far the greatest grassroot concern is on crime, with over 200 motions submitted. Mr Major's speech on Friday calling for the adoption of an "anti-yob culture" was clearly planned to address those sentiments.

Party chiefs are taking some comfort from a reduction in *the number of motions* tabled on Europe. But Mr Major is being criticised privately by some of his close allies for making too many concessions to the Euro-sceptics.

Mr Hanley admitted that divisions had damaged the Government, and urged the Tories to take a leaf out of Labour's book.

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Lord Archer

Lord Archer of Weston-super-Mare is not expected to attend next month's Tory conference (Arthur Leathley writes).

Facing growing pressure to divulge details of his involvement in Anglia television share dealing, he was said *yesterday to have decided* against attending the Bournemouth conference.

Jeremy Hanley, Tory Party chairman, said: "I don't think he is actually coming for the simple reason that the House of Lords are well in session."

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CRANO BALDIC

Clergymen sheltering from the Zagreb sun yesterday as they listen to the Pope urging Croatians to respect the rights of minorities. Page 13

Alert on Bosnia pullout risks

BY MICHAEL EVANS AND GEORGE BROCK

BRITAIN'S senior military adviser is expected to warn John Major this afternoon of the risks facing 3,300 British troops in Bosnia-Herzegovina if it is decided next month to end the United Nations arms embargo against the Bosnian Muslims.

Field Marshal Sir Peter Inge, *Chief of the Defence Staff*, is to brief the Prime Minister at Downing Street. At the same time the Ministry of Defence continues to plan a possible withdrawal.

Malcolm Rifkind, the Defence Secretary, who will also be at the meeting, yesterday dismissed as a "fairy tale" a *Sunday newspaper report that* troops could start leaving Bosnia this week. There is growing anxiety, however, over President Clinton's policy of lifting the arms embargo if the Serbs fail to support the latest peace offer by October 15. This concern was reflected at an informal meeting of European Union foreign ministers at *Usedom in Germany* yesterday.

A British official said that lifting the arms ban while British and other European troops were still in Bosnia "would have profound consequences for the transatlantic relationship". He said the British and French governments, *which have contributed* most troops, were convinced that the soldiers would be vulnerable to attack by the Serbs if arms supplies to the Muslims were resumed.

Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, told the meeting that troops could not be left in Bosnia if America insisted on arming the Muslims. "Lift [the *sanctions*] and stay," he said, was the same as "lift and pray". It was not an option.

On Saturday night, the new EU administrative headquarters in a hotel at Mostar, southern Bosnia, was hit by an anti-tank shell fired from the Croat quarter of the divided city. Nobody was hurt. *Hans Koschnick, the German* administrator who took over running the city on behalf of the EU earlier this year, was in another part of the building at the time.

President Izetbegovic of Bosnia has accused Britain and France of blackmail over their threatened troop withdrawal. He told *Der Spiegel*, the *German magazine:* "If you confront us with the choice between UN peacekeepers and weapons, we choose weapons. They at least guarantee our people's survival."

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A SCOTSMAN IN THE TIMES



This week brings your chance to read *Magnus Linklater*, former editor of *The Scotsman*, who joins *The Times* as a columnist and feature writer giving voice to Scottish issues.

Labour seizes on 'yob culture' embarrassment

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY AND SRIKUMAR SEN

LABOUR seized quickly on Tory embarrassment that John Major's law and order campaign against "yob culture", planned to boost party morale before next month's annual conference, should be derailed within days of its launch by the party chairman.

Jeremy Hanley, who was *appointed to the post less than* two months ago, was attacked by Alun Michael, Labour's home affairs spokesman, for making "a most extraordinary gaffe for the chairman of the Conservative Party not to recognise a particularly nasty outbreak of the very yobbishness which his Prime Minister seemed so keen to condemn only a couple of days ago".

A senior Conservative Party spokesman said that Mr Hanley had made his initial comment on the BBC's *Breakfast With Frost* programme without having seen a recording of the violence at Saturday night's WBC super-middleweight bout between Nigel Benn and Juan Carlos Giménez of Paraguay.

"At the beginning of the Frost programme he had not seen the film of the disturbance at the Birmingham NEC as he had been moving through the studio to his seat at the time that the film was run on the news bulletin," the *statement said*.

"As soon as he saw the whole film he recognised that it was anything but exuberant behaviour. Mr Hanley totally condemns the actions of some spectators at the NEC last night. This was exactly the sort of behaviour that the Prime Minister condemned on Friday."

Promoters of the Benn bout blamed the delay in the police response for the worst disturbances seen at a boxing match in Britain. The British Boxing Board of Control yesterday

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Hill first at Monza

Damon Hill (Williams) enhanced his prospects of the Formula One title by winning *the Italian Grand Prix* at Monza, ahead of Gerhard Berger (Ferrari). Hill moved to within 11 points of the suspended championship leader, Michael Schumacher, with four races to be run Page 24

Hateley two in Rangers' 3-0 win

Rangers, the Scottish champions, returned to form by beating Hearts 3-0 at Ibrox Park. Mark Hateley, who scored seven against Hearts last season, hit two more, the other goal coming from Gordon Durie Page 29

Britain second

Britain's men won the final event, the 4x400 metres relay, but finished second in the World Cup behind Africa. The women's competition was won by Europe, with Britain fifth Page 23

Major edges closer to Sinn Fein talks

BY PHILIP WEBSTER AND NICHOLAS WATT

THE British Government moved closer yesterday to accepting that the IRA ceasefire is permanent after Douglas Hurd spoke of "progress in the right direction, even in the last days".

John Major is to summon a meeting of the Cabinet committee on Northern Ireland *this week, and the belief is* growing at Westminster that it could decide to take the IRA at its word and start the countdown to talks with Sinn Fein. But Mr Major will only give the go-ahead if he is satisfied that police and defence chiefs in Ulster believe that the threat has receded so far that the clock can start ticking towards preliminary discussions within three months.

Yesterday's more optimistic stance came as a Home Office inquiry into the IRA escape from Whitemoor prison began. One prison officer was slightly wounded in the armed escape involving five terrorist prisoners, all of whom were recaptured.

The Prime Minister, while anxious not to let the momentum of the peace process stall, is determined not to be rushed. But the absence of IRA activity and the remarks on Friday from a senior Unionist MP, John Taylor, *that his gut reaction is that the* ceasefire is "for real", has paved the way for Britain to accept the IRA declaration without causing undue offence to the Protestant population. Mr Major wants to review the position before he leaves next Sunday for a week-long visit to the Middle East and South Africa.

*However, differences clear*ly exist between London and Dublin over the vital "framework document" that is intended to lay the groundwork

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Oscar award winner Jessica Tandy dies at 85

BY OUR FOREIGN STAFF

JESSICA TANDY, *the London-born* actress who won fame on Broadway as the original Blanche DuBois in *A Streetcar Named Desire* and who went on to win an Oscar at the age of 80 in *Driving Miss Daisy*, died yesterday at her Connecticut home.

Miss Tandy, 85, had had cancer for four years. Her acting career, mostly on stage in New York and London, spanned *more than 60 years.*

Her performance as the faded southern belle opposite Marlon Brando as Stanley Kowalski in the 1947 production of Tennessee Williams's "*Streetcar*" electrified audiences and won her the first of three Tony awards. It was, however, as Daisy Werthan, the crotchety widow who forms a deep friendship with her black chauffeur, that Miss Tandy scored her biggest popular success. *Driving Miss Daisy* earned more than $100 million (£65 million) and won a best-picture Oscar in 1990 as well as the top acting award for the actress.

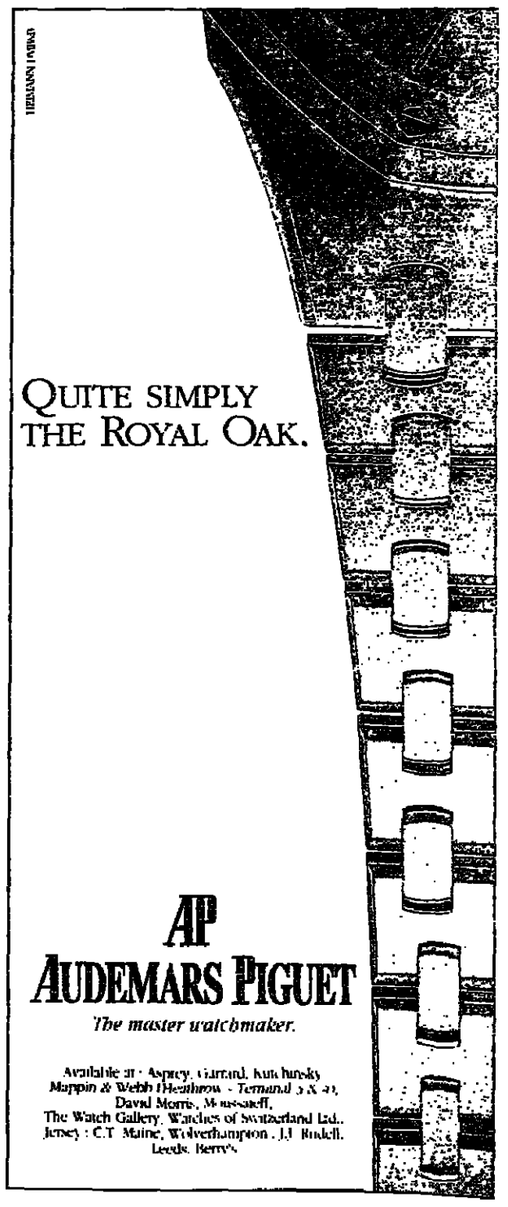
Born in London on June 7, 1909, Miss Tandy was the daughter of a rope manufacturer. She trained at the Ben *Greet Academy of Acting in London and* with Birmingham Repertory Theatre before making her London debut in 1927 at a Soho theatre. In 1932 she married Jack Hawkins, the actor. They had one child, Susan, before the marriage ended in divorce. "Apart from having my appendix out and having a baby, I don't *think I stopped for the first ten years,*" she said in an interview with *Vanity Fair*. "I kept going up the ladder, and that's heady stuff."

In 1940 she emigrated to the United States with Susan in search of work and to escape the war. She landed minor parts in several Broadway plays. While in New York she met her second husband, Hume Cronyn. Besides *Driving Miss Daisy*, her films included *Forever Amber* (1947), Alfred Hitchcock's *The Birds* (1963), *Butley*, with Alan Bates (1974), and *Fried Green Tomatoes* (1991).

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Jessica Tandy in 1990, the year she won her Oscar



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Doctor quits surgery to export NHS revolution

BY ANDREW PIERCE

ONE of the architects of the Government's health reforms is giving up his medical practice to export the changes around the world.

Dr Clive Froggatt, a GP for more than 20 years, will address the United States Congress next month. Hillary Clinton, the driving force behind America's health care changes, has requested a text of the speech.

A lecture tour is being arranged for New Zealand, where great interest has been expressed in the reforms. Invitations are pouring in from across Europe.

Dr Froggatt, a policy adviser to Virginia Bottomley and successive health secretaries since 1983, attended the summit at Chequers where the reforms were first outlined to Margaret Thatcher in 1988.

He has worked closely with ministers to try to ensure a smooth implementation of the changes. As a fund-holding GP in Cheltenham, his home town, he was ideally placed to experience any difficulties first-hand.

"From the outset I said that I was not prepared to commit myself to general practice for more than 20 years. I wanted to be able to think seriously about whether I wanted to make a career change," he said. "I am receiving an increasing number of invitations to talk about reforms and health care. I cannot do both. The time is right for the change."

Dr Froggatt, a former Tory county councillor and a member of the Tory health manifesto group, has discussed the change with Mrs Bottomley. He will remain an adviser to the Health Secretary, who is reportedly pleased that the reforms are creating such international interest.

The invitation to address the Congress came after he spoke at a seminar of American health care experts at Windsor Castle. He will also speak in Chicago and California. "I will be looking at the implications for health care in the United States in the light of the Clinton proposals," Dr Froggatt said.

"The United States has the same dilemma which we faced in the United Kingdom. The cost of health care and the demographic changes are outstripping the world's economies.

"I will be addressing the issue of the expenditure available, how to achieve greater value for money, and the need for a network of primary care providers."

Dr Froggatt, who has been criticised by leaders of the British Medical Association for his unswerving support for the changes, will also move into management consultancy, advising district health authorities experiencing difficulties with implementing the reforms. He will continue to work part-time in the field of child psychiatry.

After addressing Congress, Dr Froggatt will face a potentially more restive audience the following week at Bournemouth. "I hope to be called to speak at the Tory party conference," he said.



Froggatt: career change

Health cash 'handed out unfairly'

BY JEREMY LAURANCE

THE £30 billion spent annually on the National Health Service is distributed unfairly, leaving the neediest areas short of resources, according to an unpublished report.

Richer areas are getting a larger share of the cake than they deserve while poorer areas are getting less because funding arrangements fail to take account of deprivation, researchers at York University say. At the same time, adjustments to take account of the age-structure of the population overcompensate retirement areas.

The report, commissioned by the Government, was sent to Virginia Bottomley, the Health Secretary, but has not been released. Labour will demand its publication today at a conference organised by the Institute of Public Policy Research and Unison, the health service union.



Police outside the Birmingham NEC as fans leave the WBC super-middleweight Benn-Giménez fight

Labour seizes on embarrassment

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announced an inquiry into why contingency plans which had been discussed in advance went wrong and what to do about the unruly elements following boxers, particularly Birmingham City football hooligans who support Robert McCracken, the British light middleweight champion.

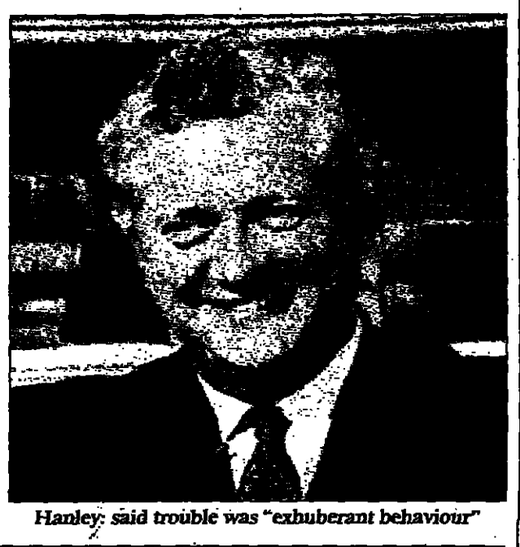
John Morris, secretary of the board, said: "We were very worried about the safety and security and thought about calling a temporary halt. It is not as though the board did not warn the promoters and the NEC that there was a factor for trouble."

In the 15 minutes police took to reach the hall, supporters of McCracken and his opponent, Steve Foster, of Salford, were out of control and hurling chairs, steel barriers and metal rods across the arena.

Mr Morris almost called a halt to the proceedings after repeated calls over the public address system by Mickey Duff, McCracken's manager, and the boxer's brother, Adam McCracken, for the crowd to behave itself failed.

The violence subsided around the eighth round of the Benn fight when police reinforcements positioned themselves between the rival groups and the area of some 500 seats were cleared of spectators. Riot police and a helicopter with search lights had to be used to keep order when the crowd left.

Frank Warren, the joint promoter with Don King, said: "There was a riot by people hellbent on causing trouble."



Hanley: said trouble was "exhuberant behaviour"

IRA gangs pose Belfast menace

BY NICHOLAS WATT, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

HOODED IRA gangs have kidnapped and beaten up youngsters in Belfast in spite of their ceasefire, a human rights group claimed yesterday. In one incident an 18-year-old Roman Catholic was dragged from his house in the nationalist Markets area last week and beaten up by IRA members wielding baseball bats. His arm was broken and he needed 16 stitches.

Henry Robinson, of Families Against Intimidation and Terror (FAIT), said yesterday that complaints about IRA brutality had been coming into his office "thick and heavy" after the Provisionals declared their ceasefire.

He said that the 18-year-old victim incurred the wrath of the IRA when he took a car from a friend who was drunk and careered round the local area hitting a wall and ramming another car. "The Provos went into the teenager's house where they questioned him," Mr Robinson said. "He was then beaten up in the streets with banners and baseball bats."

Throughout the Troubles the IRA has meted out its brutal punishment to "anti-social elements" that include alleged drug pushers, joyriders and rapists. Victims are kneecapped, beaten up or given 48 hours to leave Northern Ireland. Alleged informers are subjected to up to three days of interrogation that invariably ends with a bullet in the back of the victim's head.

FAIT last night launched a campaign to encourage families of IRA victims who have been forced out of Ireland to come forward and register their names.

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for a resumption of talks between the constitutional parties. British and Irish sources admitted that the next summit meeting between Mr Major and Albert Reynolds, the Irish Prime Minister, is likely to be delayed until October, though they deny any deadlock. The Foreign Secretary insisted yesterday that the IRA would have to prove by "words and deeds" that the ceasefire was permanent, even though he reiterated that they did not have to use the word "permanent". He said: "There has been progress in the right direction even in the last days, but we have to be sure."

Albert Reynolds yesterday underlined his impatience with Britain's refusal to endorse the IRA ceasefire when he called for an end to "foot-dragging" in a speech, aimed at republicans, at Kilcrumper, Fermoy, Co Cork.

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Council blesses witches' ritual

BY BILL FROST

WHITE witches in Milton Keynes have been given permission by councillors to celebrate ancient fertility rites in a public park.

A Tory backbencher attacked the decision, saying that a local authority was for the first time encouraging a religion which was anti-Christian. Geoffrey Dickens, MP for Littleborough and Saddleworth, said: "This disturbs me greatly."

Wearing green and white robes, witches belonging to the Wicca movement will congregate for the first time at Elfield Park in Milton Keynes to mark Hallowe'en. Martin Prop, a high priest, denied last night that satanic rituals would play any part in the celebration.

"We do not worship the Devil in any way, shape or form. We have a god and goddess of fertility and will be marking the end of the Celtic summer.

"I invite Mr Dickens to come along on October 31 and see for himself," he added.

Mr Prop and his followers practise massage and herbalism and claim to be the "original ecologists". He congratulated the finance and general purposes committee of Milton Keynes Borough Council on their decision and reassured those worried at the forthcoming celebration of Hallowe'en that their fears were misplaced: "The problem with the word witch is that it triggers a chain reaction in people's minds. They just get the wrong idea.

"To become knowledgeable as a witch can take a lifetime. We practise herbalism, massage and aromatherapy, among other things.

"Unfortunately, some stray from the path. I condemn people who use the occult for their own benefit. If such people were in our proximity we would do everything we could to ensure they did not become a pest or nuisance."

Under council regulations, the witches can hold 12 services a year in the park. Gatherings are limited to a maximum of 20 witches.

A spokeswoman for Milton Keynes Borough Council said the site allocated to the group in Elfield Park was at present underused. She emphasised that the licence agreement could be ended at short notice.

Ashdown tells party to rethink pledges

Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal Democrat leader, will open up party divisions this week by telling activists to abandon unaffordable commitments and adopt a modern political approach. He will use the launch of a personal manifesto to try to drive the party towards new economic and social policy areas and to remove its "woolly" tag. In a pamphlet *Making Change Our Ally*, Mr Ashdown will anger many the party's traditional activists by insisting that the Liberal Democrats be realistic about spending pledges and commitments in areas such as health and social services.

Mr Ashdown is anxious to underline his leadership qualities and set the tone in advance of next week's Liberal Democrat conference, which will be dominated by debate over the best way to respond to Tony Blair's election as Labour leader.

Call to end BBC secrecy

A survey of BBC television and radio audiences reveals a strong demand for an end to secrecy surrounding the way the BBC spends the public's money. The poll, conducted by NOP and published today by the BBC, shows that more than 90 per cent of people think the corporation should conduct regular research to find out how viewers and listeners want it to spend the £1.6 billion a year of licence fee income. More than 40 per cent think the corporation should hold public meetings to consult its audiences.

Ferry set on fire

A ferry had to be evacuated after a blaze broke out in a locker in which football fans were believed to have set off fire crackers. Stena Sealink said last night. More than 200 passengers were taken off the *Stena Caledonian* shortly before she was due to sail from Stranraer to Larne in Northern Ireland yesterday. The company is carrying out an inquiry, and detectives and fire officers are investigating the cause of the blaze. The fire, confined to a lifejacket compartment, was put out by the ship's sprinkler system. Passengers were transferred to another ferry.

Lord Weir recovering

Lord Weir, who was badly injured in a collision with a stolen car in which three men died, was "stable, alert and recovering well" in Crosshouse Hospital, Kilmarnock, last night. The Scottish industrialist, a former chairman of the Bank of England, was expected to leave the intensive care unit today. Lord Weir, chairman of the Weir Group, Scotland's biggest engineering company, had a pin inserted in his right leg and a titanium plate in his right arm during a three-hour operation. Rescue workers said the airbag in his Jaguar probably saved his life.

Clouds clear from coffee

Coffee lovers — even those who drink six or more cups a day — are doing themselves no harm, say researchers from Oxford University. Although previous research has linked coffee drinking with high cholesterol levels, two doctors, Tim Lancaster and Jim Muir, and a scientist, Christopher Silagy, say: "There is no evidence for counselling patients against drinking coffee." Their study, comparing coffee consumption and coffee type with blood pressure and other risk factors for heart disease in more than 1,000 adults, is published in the *Journal of the Royal Society of Medicine*.

Charity cash snubbed

Building society staff asked a group of charity fundraisers to move their savings account elsewhere because it took too long to count the coins they collected. Bob Davis, a collector for the British Heart Foundation, is trying to raise £18,000 for cardiac equipment at Kidderminster General Hospital, Hereford and Worcester. Staff at Birmingham Midshires Building Society in Kidderminster complained that he was taking in too much cash. He said: "We were raising about £400 a weekend and were very pleased with ourselves until they said we were holding up the counter."

Crossword champion



William Pilkington, 46, (right) the chief budget officer of Cleveland, completed the fourth and last puzzle in ten minutes yesterday to win *The Times*/Knockando National Crossword Championships. His average completion time was 11½ minutes per puzzle. He was champion previously in 1987 and 1988. There was a tie for second place between Michael Wareham, 54, of St Andrews, Fife, and Dr John Meaden, 45, of Eltham, southeast London.

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Series of deaths and disasters fails to break British infatuation with Europe's 'accursed mountain'

Weather hampers Mont Blanc search for trapped men

BY SUSAN BELL IN PARIS AND DOMINIC KENNEDY

TWO English-speaking climbers are missing on Mont Blanc five days after their faint plea for help was received by mountain rescuers.

A search has been postponed because of appalling weather, after a week when the bodies of three British climbers were recovered from the Alps and the Rockies.

During atrocious weather last Wednesday, the French alpine rescue team at Chamonix received a radio call from a man saying he and a companion were in difficulties. Radio reception was poor but the rescuers heard that the pair were struggling near Les Rochers Rouges, a rocky area at 15,000ft near the eastern summit.

The call was received at 9pm but the six-man rescue team was unable to set out until 5am the next day. Heavy snow and winds gusting up to 90mph increased the risk of avalanches on Mont Blanc last week.

The rescuers searched for nine hours but found no trace of the pair. The same day Nigel Thurman, 23, a British student, was killed by an avalanche on Mont Blanc which James O'Keefe, 24, his companion, managed to survive. On Friday Mr O'Keefe was rescued. Two friends who had become separated from him and Mr Thurman returned safe.



Shelley: lauded beauty of Mont Blanc in verse

A helicopter was continuing the search for the two men, whose nationality and identity are unknown. An air search on Saturday was fruitless.

Yesterday's bad weather prevented a search and the forecast suggests it will be some days before the search can be resumed. There was increasing pessimism about their chances of survival in temperatures as low as -10C. Pierre Faussurier, chief warrant officer of the Chamonix rescue service, said: "If they have equipment to dig a snow hole and to melt snow to drink it is possible they could survive for quite some time."

At least four Britons have died on Mont Blanc this year. It has been a bad summer on the Alps, with 93 lives lost, 726 people injured and 11 missing.

The British infatuation with Mont Blanc, *le mont maudit* or "accursed mountain" to locals, can be traced to 1741, when Richard Pococke and William Windham published their experiences of a visit to observe the glaciers. A year later scientists announced that the 15,771ft mountain was Western Europe's highest.

The first Englishman to complete the ascent was Colonel Mark Beaufoy, an astronomer and physicist who reached the peak in August 1787, aged 23, a year after a local doctor had conquered the peak.

Shelley lauded its beauty in verse in the early 19th century and his contemporary, Coleridge, composed a *Morning Hymn to Mont Blanc*. Huge crowds were drawn to the Egyptian Hall in London in 1852 to see views depicting the ascent of Mont Blanc, further increasing its romantic allure.

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Mont Blanc has claimed the lives of at least four Britons so far this year. Altogether 93 people have died, 726 been injured and 11 are missing

Andy Anderson, director of the Scottish National Outdoor Training Centre, said: "Mont Blanc could be described as a honeypot. It is the highest mountain, it is accessible and everybody knows about it. Most people as they become more experienced avoid it because of the sheer numbers. There are many other wonderful mountaineering areas."

Although the increased popularity of mountaineering is often blamed for the sharp rise in fatalities, the truth appears to be more complex.

Europe's most thorough study of mountain accidents was completed this year in Scotland, where the tough slopes have the same high fatality rate (17 per cent of rescues involving death) as the Mont Blanc area.

The explanation is thought to lie in the greater risks being taken by climbers with moderate experience, using sophisticated equipment to tackle harder slopes.

☐ The bodies of Dr Luke Parker, 29, of Hale, Greater Manchester, and Eva, 31, his wife, were found in the Canadian Rockies last week after they fell to their deaths.

Rapist and wife missing in US

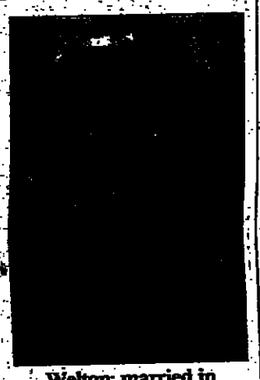
FROM DAVID ADAMS IN MIAMI

POLICE in Florida have offered a $1,000 (£650) reward in the hunt for a convicted rapist who jumped $30,000 bail paid for by his English wife.

Henrietta Welton, 25, of Bunbury, Oxfordshire, and a former groom at the exclusive Palm Beach Polo Club, is also missing, police said. Charles Wilson, 36, is charged with rape, armed burglary and robbery connected to a rape in July 1993.

Ms Welton married Mr Wilson in a courtroom earlier this year before he was freed on bail in June. Mr Wilson allegedly attacked the rape victim by putting a pillow over her head and a knife to her throat. The 44-year-old woman called the police to report the rape. Soon after her call, surveillance cameras recorded Mr Wilson at a bank machine trying to withdraw money from the woman's account, according to court records.

He was due to go on trial on August 22, but failed to appear in court. Police checked local hospitals, jails and even the morgue before an arrest warrant was issued.



Welton: married in Florida courtroom

In 1977 Mr Wilson was sentenced to 30 years in jail for rape and was released in March 1992. V. Ted Brabham, his lawyer, said: "I don't know where he is. If I find him I will personally take him to the jail."

Diver tells of wreck escape

FROM MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN NICOSIA

A SCUBA diver came close to death after she became trapped 130ft below the surface in a wreck off Cyprus.

Alberto Robeu, the Spanish leader of the diving team, paid with his life after also becoming trapped while trying to save Katherine Whalley.

Ms Whalley, 24, of Bristol, said yesterday from hospital in Larnaca: "I was convinced I was going to die. My tank was almost out of air and I had lost the regulator through which I was supposed to breathe.

"I began panicking and then found a pocket of air in the ship. I don't know how long I was down there but it was at least two hours."

Ms Whalley was following other divers out of the wreck when she lost sight of the guide's torch. It was after she failed to surface that the leader returned to look for her. He became lost. Eventually a diver saw her and sounded the alarm. A window was smashed and she was rescued.

Children find Albino frog

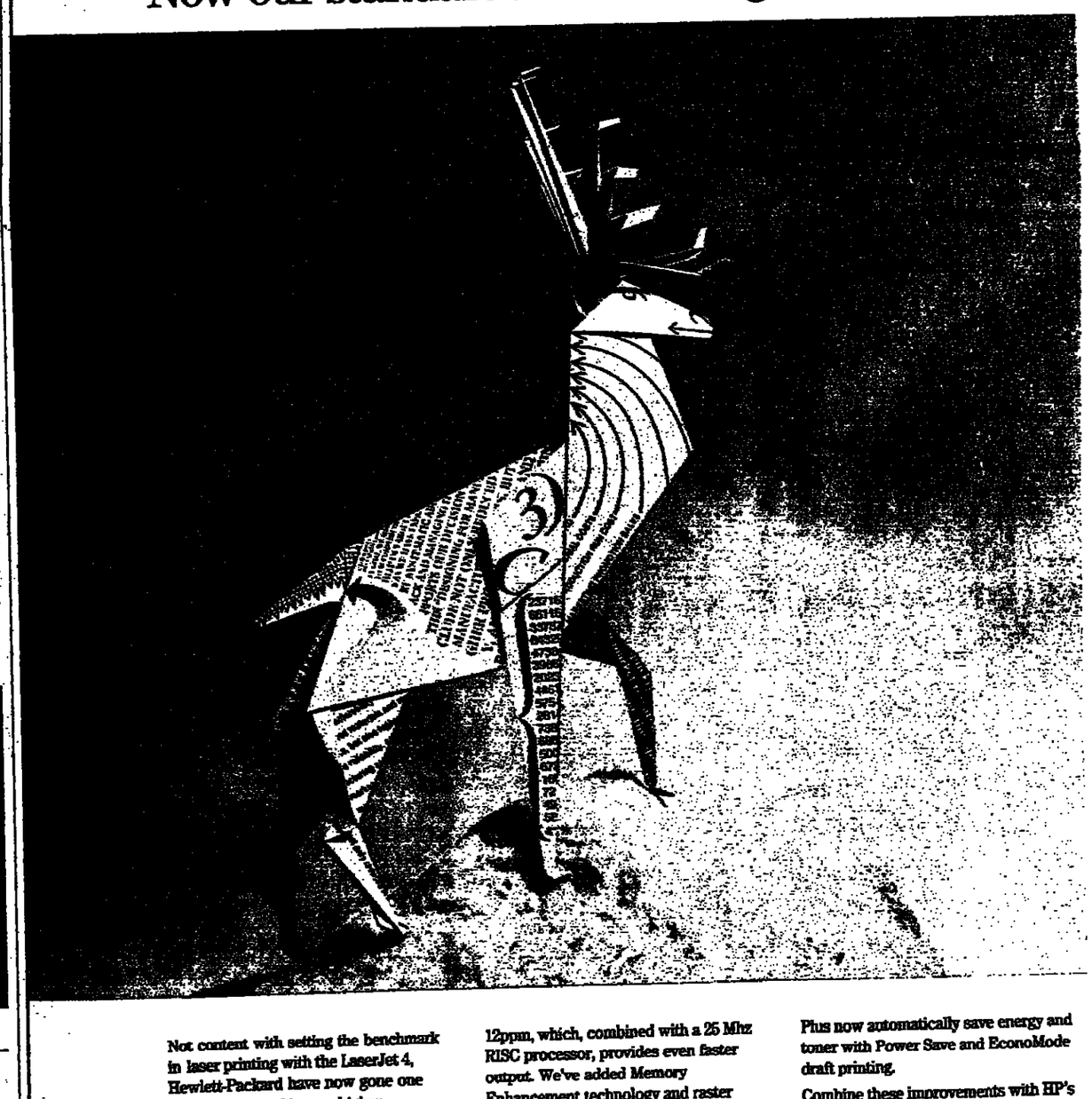
TWO children who discovered an albino frog in their garden have learnt that the amphibian is so rare that only one other is known to exist in Britain. The common garden frog is an albino and is believed to be the result of a genetic mutation.

It was found by a brother and sister in the garden of their home at Tamworth, Staffordshire. Fearing it to be poisonous they passed it on to their local zoo, Drayton Manor Park, where staff are hoping to breed from the inch-long creature. The albino *Rana temporaria* will make its public debut next year if it survives the winter.



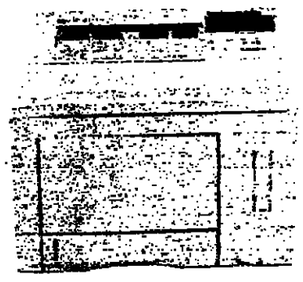
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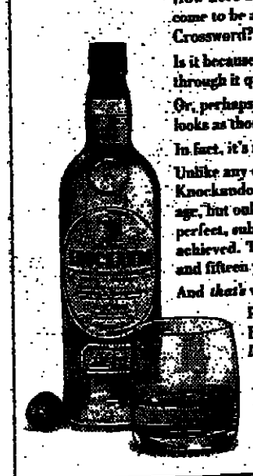
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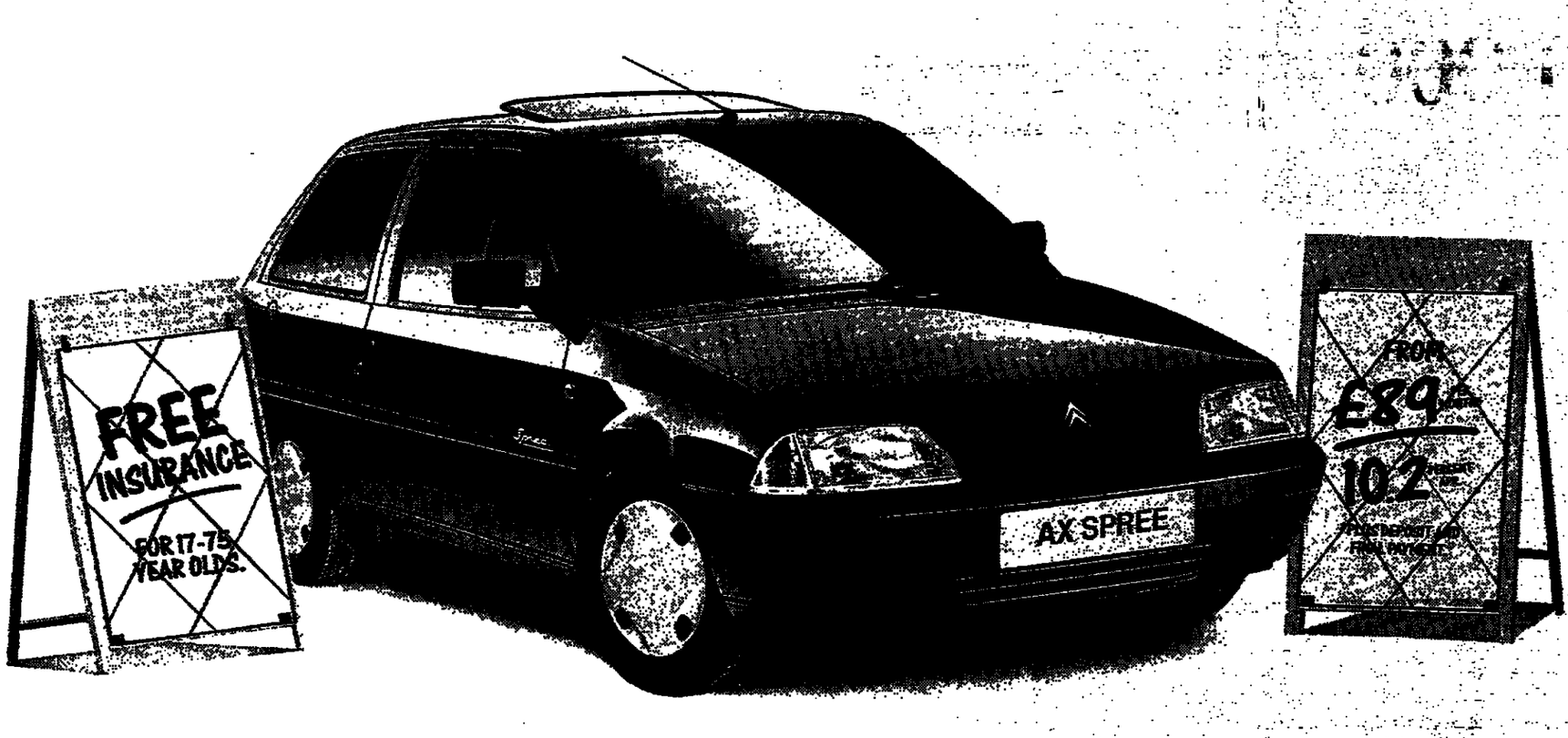
Reservist killed at TA centre

POLICE and military authorities were yesterday investigating the death of a Territorial Army soldier who was shot in the head in front of friends and colleagues.

Private Peter Waldron, 29, was in a room at the Score Lane Territorial Army Centre, Liverpool, when the shot was fired on Saturday. He had been with three other reservists, of different ranks.

Police confirmed that Pt Waldron, from Dovecot, Liverpool, did not discharge the gun himself. He was a member of the 5/8th (Volunteer) Battalion of the King's Regiment. He was single. A police spokesman said reports would be submitted to the coroner and the Crown Prosecution Service.

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Shephard signals U-turn on reviving grammar schools

BY JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION EDITOR

GILLIAN Shephard, the Education Secretary, has dashed the hopes of traditionalists for a widespread return to grammar schools by signalling a shift in government policy.

Ministerial approval for a grant-maintained school in north London to select boys on academic and musical ability was expected to lead to a series of similar applications. But Queen Elizabeth Boys' School, Barnet, may be the last to take the grammar school route.

Mrs Shephard is anxious to scotch suggestions that national curriculum tests for children aged eleven will pave the way for a return to selection. She views that system, which she knew as a teacher and education adviser, as wasteful of talent.

On her first school visit as Education Secretary last week, Mrs Shephard told teachers at Northgate Primary School, Nottingham, that the tests were not intended to aid selection. She gave the same assurance to union leaders.

The decision to approve Queen Elizabeth's change of character was taken before Mrs Shephard took office. Another London school, Archbishop Tennison, Lambeth, is yet to hear whether it may follow the same route.

The stance of John Patten, Mrs Shephard's predecessor, on the creation of grammar schools was outwardly neutral. But he vowed to end the domination of the neighbourhood comprehensive and allowed a number of schools to become partially selective.

Mrs Shephard is expected to expand Mr Patten's initiative to encourage schools to specialise in certain areas. Sports colleges are likely to be announced this year.

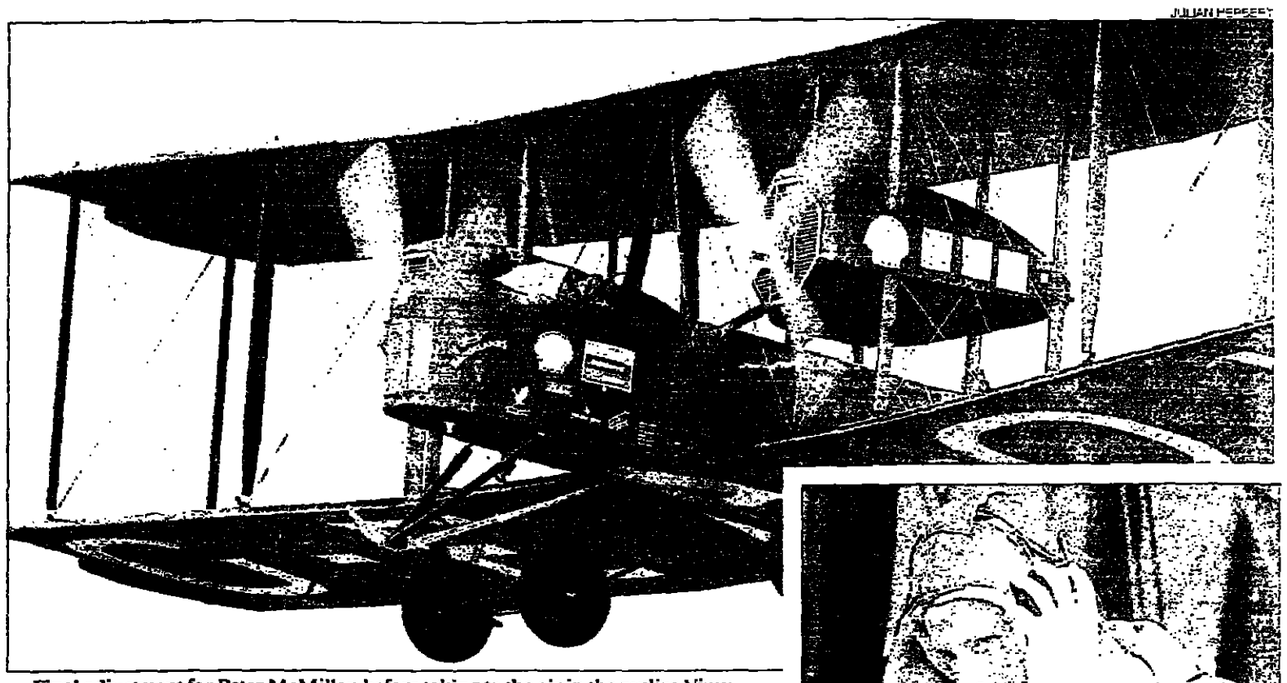
However, the new Education Secretary will foster academic excellence through streaming by ability in comprehensive schools. Mixed-ability classes, identified by school inspectors as a prime cause of under-achievement, will continue to be discouraged.

Only 158 grammar schools have survived the switch to comprehensive education, but they dominate examination league tables in the state sector. Many Conservatives have campaigned for their numbers to be expanded.

Traditionalists hoped that Mr Patten's programme to help community groups to set up schools would see a new wave of grammar schools. The criteria for bids included the provision of selective education. But few of the proposals under consideration by the Funding Agency for Schools are likely to be accepted.

With Labour committed to phasing out grammar schools, the recent revival in selection may turn out to be just a blip in a 25-year decline.

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JULIAN HERBERT

Final adjustment for Peter McMillan before taking to the air in the replica Vimy

Vimy takes off to match epic flight

A REPLICA Vickers Vimy aircraft left the Farnborough air show in Hampshire yesterday to re-create the first flight to Australia 75 years ago by the brothers Ross and Keith Smith (Nick Nuttall writes). Lang Kidby, 47, the replica's Australian pilot, has an American Peter McMillan, 35, as his co-pilot. The replica, claimed to be the biggest flying copy of an aeroplane ever made, was built in Australia and California. Unlike the original, the aircraft is powered by two Chevrolet 420 horsepower V8 engines rather than the 360hp Rolls-Royce originals. A Vimy was also used by Alcock and Brown to fly the Atlantic in 1919.

Classical house wins planning permission

PLANNING permission has been granted for a classical country house in Oxfordshire that promises to be as large as any built in Britain since the war (Marcus Binney writes).

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Countdown game devised by Armand Jammot

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Gulf general backs compensation calls

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THE commander of British forces in the Gulf War added his voice yesterday to those demanding compensation for the nine soldiers killed by American "friendly fire".

General Sir Peter de la Billière, now retired said Britain and America should compensate the families of the nine men who died when their armoured vehicles came under fire from US bombers in the 1991 war against Iraq.

He rejected the distinction made between the soldiers killed accidentally in the Gulf and two officers who died during a UN humanitarian aid flight over northern Iraq this year. The US authorities paid £66,000 compensation each to the families of Major Harry Shapland and Lieutenant-Colonel Jonathon Swann, killed when American F15s fired in error on their helicopter.

Sir Peter told BBC1's *Breakfast with Frost*: "The American and British governments have got to look after those British families who suffered rather better than they have up to now. It makes precious little difference whether your son or husband died in northern Iraq or in the desert operating on behalf of Saudi Arabia."

It is the first time that a Gulf War commander has come out publicly in support of the families who have been demanding compensation.

Barbara Thompson, whose 19-year-old son Lee was killed in the incident, said: "To have someone in authority agree with you is wonderful."

Mark Stephens, the solicitor acting for the victims' families, said Sir Peter's comment was a "major leap forward".

Air ace lands a job

PABLO Mason, the Gulf War air ace, is back in the cockpit, flying package tour holidaymakers to the sun from Birmingham airport.

Mason flew 19 bombing missions in an RAF Tornado over Iraq three years ago as a squadron leader. Still sporting his distinctive handlebar moustache, he now pilots a 200-seat McDonnell Douglas MD83 for the airline Airtours International.



Mason: back at work





Angharad Rees and Robin Ellis in the BBC drama Poldark, and Brian Murphy and Yootha Joyce in the Thames comedy George and Mildred

Video sales soar on wave of television nostalgia

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN AND KATHERINE KNIGHT

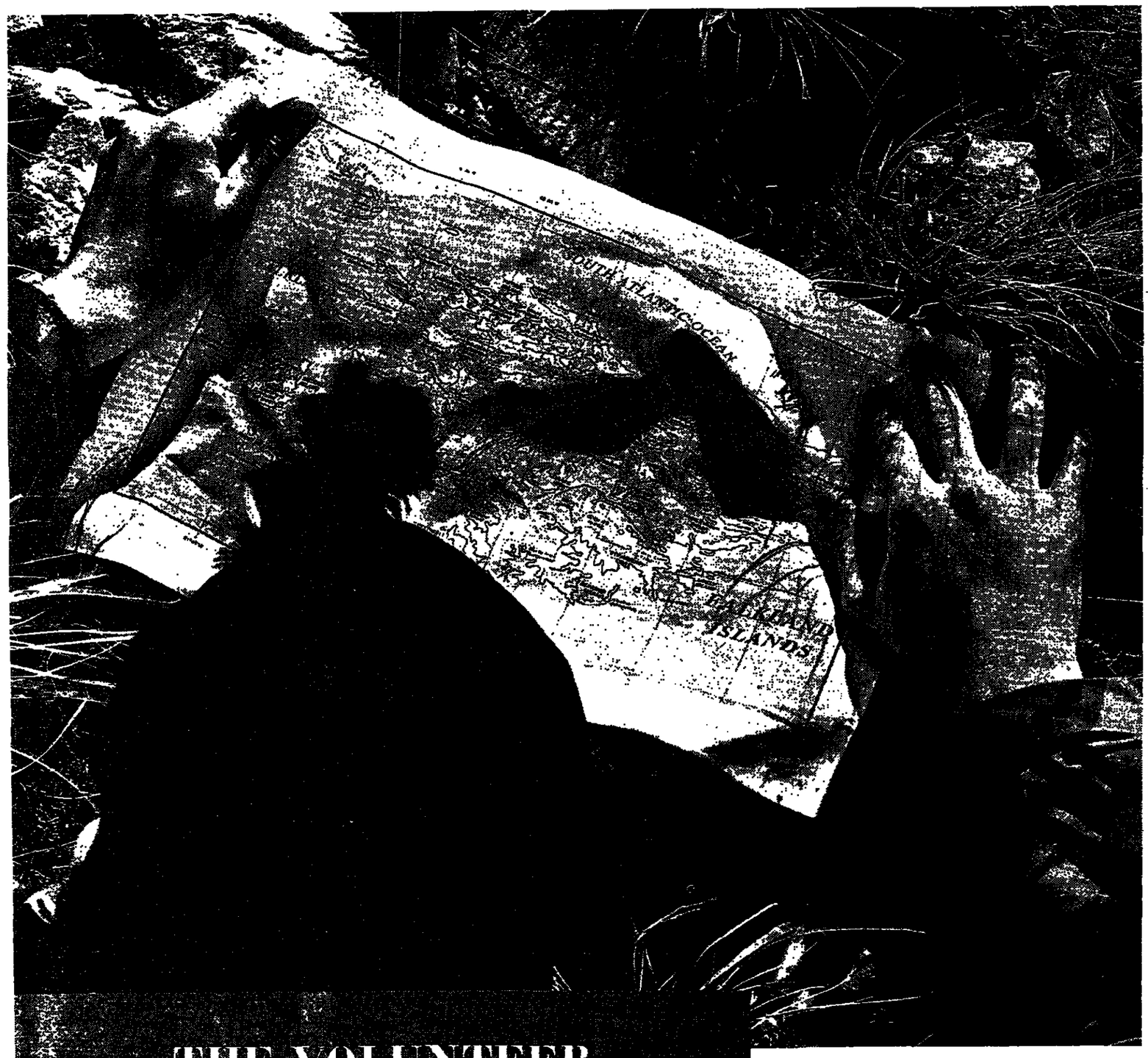
The BBC is to release the first episodes of *EastEnders* on video cassette next month as part of a booming revival of television classics from the 1970s and 1980s. *EastEnders: The Angie and Den Years*, will be a compilation of episodes of the soap from its launch in 1985.

The packaging of television classics on video is part of a lucrative trend. The outstanding success has been the BBC's 1975 serial *Poldark*, starring Angharad Rees and Robin Ellis. Sales of the first and second series have grossed more than £4 million for the BBC.

According to Douglas Hopper of the British Video Association, the market for such videos is worth about £100 million a year and growing. Paul Holland, head of marketing at BBC Video, expects demand for television classics to grow by about 20 per cent this year. He puts much of the growth down to nostalgia.

"In the case of programmes from the 1970s, people feel they are buying a slice of their childhood," he said.

Thames Television made £2.5 million last year by releasing programmes from its back catalogue such as *Man About The House, George and Mildred* and *Robin's Nest*.



Injured angler nets watercolour award

A HEAD teacher who took up painting as therapy after a serious back injury has won an art competition three months after first picking up a brush.

Delycia Johnson, 46, of Bishop Auckland, was so surprised that she telephoned the Society of Amateur Artists, believing they had made a mistake.

But Mrs Johnson, who can paint for only 20 minutes at a time, was told the artist and television presenter Alwyn Crawshaw had selected her watercolour of a trout. Mrs Johnson was injured in a fall and was unable to continue teaching. A keen angler before her injury, she decided to submit a painting of a trout.

Mrs Johnson took up painting after seeing Mr Crawshaw's programme on watercolours on Channel 4.

She will receive a certificate and official critique of her work, with £100 of painting materials and the chance to exhibit her picture.

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KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Brilliant Kasparov

Garry Kasparov, the world champion, appears to have thrown off the depression of losing to a computer in London two weeks ago. In round seven of the Zurich tournament, Kasparov won a game full of neat sacrifices against the former Yugoslav grandmaster Predrag Nikolic.

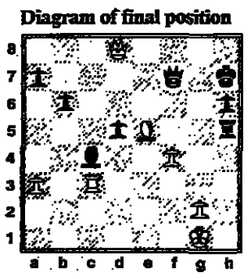
White: Garry Kasparov
Black: Predrag Nikolic
Zurich, September 1994

French Defence

1	e4	e6
2	d4	d5
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5	a3	Bxc3+
6	bxc3	Ne7
7	Qg4	Kf8
8	h4	Qc7
9	Qd1	cxd4
10	cxd4	Qc3+
11	Bd2	Qxd4
12	Nf3	Qe4+
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18	Bh5	g6
19	cxd5	exd5
20	Bg4	h6
21	Ne6+	fxe6
22	Rxe6	Qf7
23	Qa4	Bc4
24	Rxc6	Nxc6
25	Qxc6	Re8
26	Bd7	Kg7
27	Bc3+	Kh7
28	h5	Rhf8
29	hxg6+	Qxg6
30	Bxe8	Qxe8
31	Qd6	Qf7
32	Bd4	Re8
33	Rc1	Re4
34	Be5	Rg4
35	Rc3	Rg6
36	Qd8	Rg8
37	Qh4	Rg5
38	f4	Rh5
39	Qd8	Black lost on time

In the final position Black, threatened with a deadly series of checks must give up his rook with 39 ... Rxe5 when he will ultimately lose on material.

Diagram of final position



After seven rounds of the Zurich tournament, Kasparov leads with 5.5 points and the veteran Viktor Korchnoi is close on his heels with five points. Meanwhile, in the 100-player tournament at Tilburg, Holland, which opened on Saturday, the former world champion Vassily Smyslov, 73, defeated the American grandmaster Yasser Seirawan in the first round.

Junior olympiad

The top scoring team from 34 in the under-16 olympiad held in Malta was Russia, which scored 22 points. Greece had 19, Hungary 17.5 and England 17.

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'Government should stop confusing progress towards peace with progress on nationalist agenda'

Major must thwart IRA secret plot for civil war

To suppose that the IRA has turned its back on violence is a dangerous illusion, argues Conor Cruise O'Brien. He urges the Prime Minister to defy the Dublin-Washington axis



Adams, Reynolds and John Hume: is John Major being squeezed out of the picture?

THE IRA ceasefire — for that is all it is — seems likely to be quite protracted. It will certainly continue into November, bar the odd incident such as the IRA armed outbreak at Whitemoor Prison.

It will continue as long as the British continue to make concessions to the general nationalist agenda and to specific IRA demands such as the opening of border roads and the ending of security patrols in nationalist areas. Once the British Government runs out of concessions, the days of the ceasefire will be numbered.

There is a widespread illusion that the IRA has turned its back on violence for good because experience and the persuasive power of Gerry Adams have convinced them that violence is futile. If that is so, why does the IRA hang on to its weaponry? Why indeed does the Irish Republican Army remain in existence at all?

The IRA's political objectives remain what they always were: "Brits out", followed by a united Ireland. What does the IRA hope to gain during the ceasefire period in the way of "peace dividends" — that is, in movement toward its objectives?

It hopes to gain seven things: a prestigious and politically advantageous association with the Clinton Administration; a stranglehold over the Dublin government; concessions from the British Government under pressure from Clinton; destabilisation of Northern Ireland by "peaceful demonstrations"; provocation of the Protestant paramilitaries; collision between the Protestant paramilitaries and the British Army and, as a result, British withdrawal.

Let us look at these seven things in turn. First, the American dimension. In their repeated meetings with Bruce Morrison, who is known to be close to President Clinton, the Sinn Fein leaders learnt that the President was anxious to get an IRA ceasefire so that he could claim to have achieved peace in Ireland. That would help the beleaguered Democratic candidates in the mid-term November elections.

And what would Sinn Fein-IRA get out of it? An unrestricted US visa for Gerry Adams for starters, with the propaganda bonanza that would open up for Sinn Fein's version of the peace process. As well as that, presidential commitment to that version and presidential pressure on the British to supply further concessions to the nationalist agenda.

Then the Dublin dimension. We are authoritatively assured that no secret deal was done. Of course not. There are no such things as secret deals. But there are confidential understandings established through trusted intermediaries. In this case, the confidential understanding was that if the IRA would only announce some kind of ceasefire, the Dublin government would immediately declare that it was equivalent to the permanent cessation of violence required by the Downing Street declaration. Sinn Fein would be (and has been) immediately admitted to the Taoiseach's forum for reconciliation, with the bonus that Sinn Fein's participation would shut the Unionists out (and does so).

At the London end, dividends are more meagre. Sir Patrick Mayhew has indicated that the new "framework for peace" expected next month will include "cross-border institutions with executive powers". But Unionists won't work cross-border institutions and the Government is unlikely to try to work them with nationalists only. Britain will not, voluntarily, provide concessions of the magnitude required by the IRA unless the IRA can prove that Northern Ireland is ungovernable without them.

That is what the remaining four out of the seven "dividends" are all about. As the dividends are almost entirely unavoidable by now. But something can be done even now to avert the ultimate disaster: fighting between Loyalist paramilitaries and British troops followed by British withdrawal and civil war.

To avert that the Unionist community needs to be convinced, and soon, that it is not about to be sold down the river. That can be accomplished by a single, simple declaration from the Prime Minister as follows:

That the people of Northern Ireland will be consulted about any arrangements affecting them in any future agreement between Her Majesty's Government and the government of the Republic of Ireland, if a majority of the members of Parliament representing constituencies in Northern Ireland requests such consultation.

That would do the trick as far as the majority of the population of Northern Ireland is concerned. It would dry up support for the Loyalist paramilitaries. For the IRA it would be a serious setback to its programme of destabilisation.

Dublin, of course, would protest loudly. Washington would no doubt wish to follow suit. But I suspect that a British Government which was seen to stand up to the Dublin-Washington axis would gain rather than lose in the esteem of the British public.

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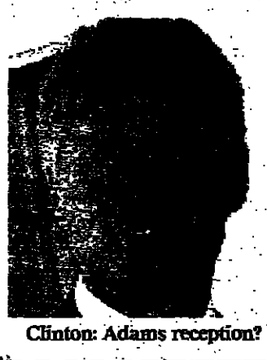
in the future, I refer the reader to the "possible chronology" on this page, which is of course a schedule of disaster. Yet the worst possibilities — British withdrawal and civil war — can still be averted. The first thing necessary is to dissipate an intellectual confusion. *The Government must stop confusing progress towards peace with progress down the nationalist agenda.*

It ought to be self-evident that the two kinds of progress are in contradiction. At the end of a nationalist agenda is a united Ireland. The Unionist majority in Northern Ireland refuses to be incorporated in a united Ireland; that has been the *raison d'être* of Unionism for more than 100 years. If a united Ireland is to come, it will have to be imposed on Unionists by force. So progress down the nationalist agenda is progress towards civil war.

The Unionists have assurances from both Dublin and London that there will be no constitutional change without their consent. John Major seems puzzled that these assurances somehow fail to reassure. He ought not to be puzzled. Large political changes drastically affecting the Unionist position have already been made without Unionist consent. The same is true, and even more blatantly, of the "cross-border institutions with executive powers". Nobody supposes that such institutions have any serious contribution towards peace. Dublin wants them as a symbol of progress towards a united Ireland.

Some of the kinds of development sketched in my possible chronology are probably

Chronology to take Ulster towards bloodbath and British withdrawal



Clinton: Adams reception?

Conor Cruise O'Brien writes: I fear that a chronology along these lines is now probable rather than just possible.

September-October 1994: Increasing friction between security forces and nationalist population in Northern Ireland. Patrolling of Nationalist areas ends.

October: Loyalists, angered by cessation of patrolling, attack Catholics. Sinn Fein urges nationalists not to retaliate. "Breakaway" groups do retaliate. Unionists declare refusal to work cross-border institutions. British Government acquiesces. Triumphal success of Gerry Adams tour of United States. Clinton receives Adams at White House.

November 1994: Adams calls on British Government to declare intention to withdraw from Northern Ireland and to set date. *British Government rejects demands.* "Spontaneous" nationalist demonstrations break out *demanding withdrawal.*

December: Street fighting on a large scale between Catholics and Protestants. Loyalist paramilitaries kill Catholics. IRA officially holds to "complete cessation of military operations" and earns great international kudos. "Breakaway" groups do retaliate. The Nationalist street demonstrations escalate. By Christmas, business life of Belfast brought to a standstill.

January 1995: IRA announces that *unless British Government stops* Loyalist attacks on Catholics by January 15 it will reluctantly be *compelled to resume military* operations by January 31. Albert Reynolds, John Hume and Adams *issue joint statement calling* on British Government to resist "men of violence", all from Loyalist side.

February: IRA ceasefire now officially at an end. Under American pressure, British Government orders search of Unionist areas for arms and explosives. Loyalist paramilitaries fire on British troops. IRA resumes attacks on troops.

March: Prime Minister tells Commons Britain's presence in Northern Ireland *can no longer* serve any useful purpose since it rejected by virtually entire population of Northern Ireland. *Withdrawal* of troops will begin immediately and be completed by April 30.

March-April: Full hostilities between *IRA and Loyalist paramilitaries* result in heavy casualties in both communities. Catholics move out of Protestant-dominated areas and Protestants out of Catholic areas. Ethnic cleansing by both sets of paramilitaries. Refugee population of half a million. Fatal casualties of perhaps 10,000. Unionists declare *independence.* Nationalists declare united Ireland.

May-June: On completion of British *departure, troops of Republic* cross border and occupy Catholic majority area. Civil war ends in stalemate with smaller but entirely Protestant Northern Ireland.

July-August: Government of Republic discredited by failure to protect Catholics or to attain unity of Ireland. Group of army officers places government under arrest, announces provisional government and continuance of armed struggle against Britain and "puppet state" Northern Ireland.

December 1995: Explosions in London, Birmingham, Manchester and Portsmouth. IRA acknowledges *responsibility.* Relations between Dublin and London broken off but resumed under American pressure.

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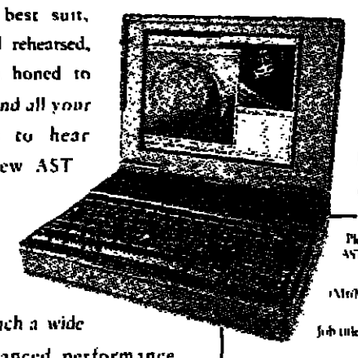
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Solicitors in provinces raise fees by £20 an hour

BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

SOLICITORS outside London have increased their fees sharply over the past year, with legal advice to private clients costing an average of £90 an hour, and in some cases up to £170.

The figures represent an increase of between £5 and £20 an hour, according to a survey which is to be published this week as part of the new *Chambers & Partners' Directory of the Legal Profession (1994/95)*.

The survey shows that law firms in London are still feeling the pinch and have generally kept their charging rates constant. In the capital, partners' fees range from £80 to £255, with an average of £165, no more than in previous years, although junior solicitors' fees have risen.

In all their work, solicitors sometimes add a mark-up to the bill of anything up to 50 per cent, to reflect a particular difficulty or where the matter has to be dealt with urgently.

However, the survey says, this practice is on the wane, and instead there are more fixed-price quotations for a piece of work, particularly in commercial work.

It says: "In recent years, the economic recession has improved the bargaining position of the big commercial client and has obliged solicitors handling this kind of work to negotiate their fees."

More firms provide details of work in progress at the end of each month; discounts are also offered for quantity of work and it is now much more common for firms to publish charging rates and to fix fees in advance.

The 1994-95 guide also finds in its survey of barristers' charging rates that fees have stayed at much the same level as last year. Average hourly charges for routine work ranged from £50-60 at the lowest end for a junior criminal barrister to £200 to 350 an hour for a QC dealing with commercial or chancery work.

The survey attempts to estimate barristers' earnings, although the reticence of their clerks makes this difficult, it says.

Nonetheless, the estimates do show a striking disparity in earnings between those doing criminal and commercial work: barristers in commercial work are earning between £10,000 and £20,000 a year when they are in pupillage, which rises to £50,000 to £175,000 a year after five years and again to between £200,000 to more than £500,000 when they become Queen's Counsels.

In criminal work, earnings range from £7,000 to £15,000 for a pupil barrister, to £30,000 to £60,000 after five years and to £100,000 to £200,000 and more for a silk doing legal aid work.

For the first time, the directory, which gives details of 1,000 top law firms throughout England, Wales and Scotland and all barristers, also includes a section on "leaders in their field": profiles of some 2,000 leading specialist solicitors in the main areas of law, based on the opinions of barristers, clients and other solicitors.

Michael Chambers, managing editor, commenting on the innovation, said: "This is the first of its kind — there is nothing else which is based on the views of the users of solicitors' services."

A team of researchers had spent several months talking to lawyers and clients, sending out questionnaires and assessing people's reputations for the guide, Mr Chambers said. "As a result we have built up a unique database — invaluable information for all those needing the best legal advice available."

Mr Chambers accepted, however, that the solicitors who were mentioned in the guide might not be the cheapest.

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Steve Teague, left, prepares to photograph Ben Tibber for an advertisement. Child models can earn up to £800 for a television commercial

Parents cash in with model children

BY ANJANA AHUJA

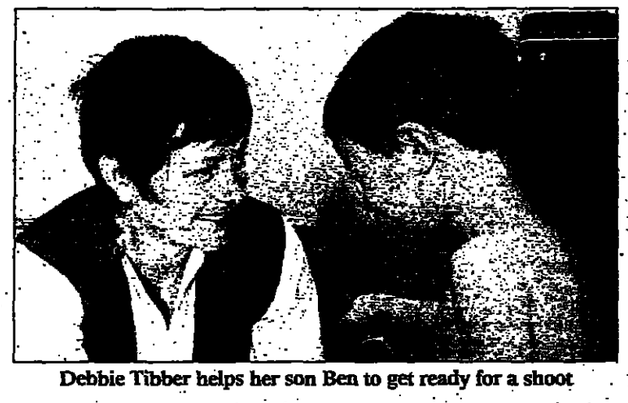
AN INCREASING number of parents, many of them single mothers, are queueing to sign up their children as models capable of earning up to £200 a day.

The top three agencies in London each receive up to 300 inquiries a week but only one child in 500 becomes a star. Elisabeth Smith, a former advertising model who set up her agency 35 years ago, has seen a surge of interest from lone parents.

"We had to include a new section for the child's surname on the application form because so many had names different from their mothers'," Mrs Smith said. Her four daughters modelled as children and, 30 years on, they help to run the family business.

Between Elisabeth Smith, Norrie Carr and Tiny Tots to Teens — the only specialist agencies registered with the Association of Model Agents — there are about 800 under-fives available to advertise anything from clothes to breakfast cereals.

Parental pride rather than money seems to be the main motivation,



Debbie Tibber helps her son Ben to get ready for a shoot

with the promise of photographs for the family album an irresistible spin-off. "This is some fun they can have with their children and make a bit of pin money at the same time," Mrs Smith said. "I get wary if the mothers are too money-minded."

Regarding the child's welfare, agents and parents say that only a happy child will succeed. "If the child doesn't want to model there's nothing a pushy parent can do about it," Mrs Smith said.

No special permission is needed for children who have not started school. Older children work in their spare time with school permission and the law requires any child working more than eight days a year to seek a licence from their education authority.

Children can earn £10 for library photographs. Mail-order catalogues pay up to £45 an hour including expenses, with 25 per cent of the fee going to the modelling agency. Most money lies in television, where commercials pay £400 to £800. There are no repeat fees for children.

Photographers are well acquainted with the habits of their young subjects. Steve Teague, a photographer working on a shoot in east London for the advertising agency GGT, said: "You really have to shoot it all in half an hour. As soon as they get bored you've lost it. After that it's bribery."

The most successful models sport the traditional blond-hair, blue-eyes combination but quirkier-looking children are catching up.

Regardless of looks, a good temperament is essential. Ben Tibber, at four a veteran of the circuit, is, according to his mother Debbie, quiet and easy going. Mrs Tibber, 34, travels around London with a supply of toys and drinks to keep him amused.

But she admits the odd well-timed bribe. "Today it's McDonald's," she said.

Teenage girls mug women in subway

A gang of girls aged about 15 used an iron bar to beat and rob three women celebrating a 21st birthday. Tina Handley, of Dudley, West Midlands, needed eight stitches in head wounds and treatment for severe bruising after she refused to give the muggers her handbag in Old Square underpass, Birmingham.

Miss Handley, a care assistant with the mentally handicapped, said: "They picked on me particularly because I wouldn't let go of my bag." Her friends were treated for bruising and shock. Three of the girl attackers were white, one with peroxide blonde hair, and the fourth was black.

Bingo deaths

Gary Shaun Rider, 25, from Sheffield, will face magistrates today charged with causing the deaths by dangerous driving of three elderly people knocked down outside a bingo hall. Arthur Hooper, 71, his wife Barbara, 68, and Annie Wright, 62, of Owlthorpe, Sheffield, were killed on Friday night.

Disco casualty

James McCabe, 21, collapsed and died at a "rave" disco in Saltcoats, Strathclyde. Police are investigating a possible drugs link and are awaiting the result of a post-mortem examination. Three others at the disco became ill. There have been three Ecstasy-related deaths at a disco in Ayr.

Jewels stolen

A samples case containing diamonds and watches worth about £100,000 was stolen from a jewellery salesman in Smethwick, West Midlands, as he set off for London. Two robbers threw a blanket over the man's head and escaped in a Vauxhall Cavalier.

Gates lifted

The Victorian wrought-iron gates of Sheffield's Weston Park, designed by Godfrey Sykes in 1875, have been stolen. Worth £20,000, the gates are 20ft high and each weighs a ton.

Fatal chase

A man driving an estate car stolen from Great Horkesley, Essex, died after a high-speed police chase. The car smashed into a tree at about 100mph in nearby Bures.

Bird bites dog

A West Highland terrier was attacked in the garden of a house in Grantham, Lincolnshire, by a goshawk which had escaped from a neighbour's aviary.

Chill claim cold-shouldered

METEOROLOGISTS have rejected claims that autumn has arrived early, driven on damaging clouds of ozone (Bill Frost writes). The London Weather Centre yesterday described conditions for the first two weeks of September as "entirely typical".

Claims by Friends of the Earth that early autumn had been caused by damaging levels of ozone were treated with scepticism: "If anything, leaves have stayed green longer this year," a forecaster said.

The environmental group claimed that ozone levels across Britain exceeded World Health Organisation guidelines for considerable periods during the summer. The group blamed pollution for causing "early autumn" and warned that the health of Britain's trees was in jeopardy.

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BY LIN JENKINS

ARMED robbers who held a postmaster and his family captive for ten hours surprised their victims by showing compassion towards their dog and an elderly relative.

While Paul Carter, 59, and other members of his family were handcuffed and bound by the two men who threatened to kill them, his elderly mother-in-law was treated with kindness.

One of the raiders stroked her forehead to keep her calm and fetched her walking stick so that she could go to the bathroom. Just before they escaped with £30,000 from the safe, the two men put down food and water for Sheeba, a seven-month-old border collie.

The two men burst into the post office in Allerton, Bradford, when Margaret Carter, 57, opened the back door to let out the dog on Friday evening.

When they discovered the safe was on a timelock, the two men decided to wait until morning and tied up Mr and Mrs Carter, their daughter-in-law Kay and, on his return from a stag night, their son Matthew, 21. However, Doris Savage, 84, was simply told to lie down on a mattress.

Mr Carter said: "There they were threatening to kill everyone else if they moved, but they had a conscience about old people and animals. I just cannot believe they did all that and then fed the dog. It seems they have a streak of kindness somewhere after all. At least Sheeba was happy."

Police are looking for two men in their twenties.



Zetland: "Car boot sale"

Marquess clears his attics

BY PAUL WILKINSON

THE Marquess of Zetland is holding "a glorified car boot sale" to dispose of unwanted family bric-a-brac — everything from a £40 porch lantern to a 400-year-old Japanese lacquered coffer valued at £60,000.

The sale, at Aske Hall, outside Richmond, North Yorkshire, is expected to raise at least £1.25 million. It will even include the drum kit used by the Marquess's younger brother David Dundas when he recorded the 1977 hit single *Jeans On*.

Lord Zetland said: "It's just like clearing your loft at home. We have turned out our attics. A house like this fills up with all sorts of things over the years."

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Gaming clubs hope Home Office regulators will approve new ways to win or lose a fortune

Casino world stakes reputation on the draw of a card

By Dominic Kennedy

THE first new games for 25 years are likely to be permitted in British casinos from January 1 as restrictions on the clubs are gradually eased. The gambler's traditional choice of American roulette, blackjack, punto banco and dice will be augmented by casino stud poker and super pan 9.

The new games are understood to have won the support of the Gaming Board, which regulates 118 casinos, but require approval from the Home Office before they can be introduced.

The relaxation of gaming rules in an industry that has already shown itself to be recession-proof happens as Ladbroke Group takes over three London clubs, recently bought for £50 million.

Casinos, once associated with gangland bullies, are emerging with a new respectability from a long probationary period since the 1970 Gaming Act. "The Gaming Board is becoming much more amenable to the casinos' case," said John Snowball, Grosvenor Clubs' special projects manager, who helped to select the new games. Casino stud poker is based on five card stud, while super pan 9 is believed to have been imported to California from the Philippines.

Gamblers staked £2.23 billion (the "drop") in British casinos in 1993-94, of which the clubs retained £411 million (the "win") after paying winnings.

Despite recession and economic gloom, these figures have been steadily rising for the past five years, apart from a blip in 1991-92 when the drop fell by 1 per cent. Even in the provinces, trade has remained steady.

Casinos are booming in America, where many states are permitting them for the first time. Several other European countries, Australia and New Zealand are also permitting new casinos.

Delicate talks are taking place in Britain about extending the areas where casinos are allowed. In the 1960s, 2,000 casinos sprang up around the country as an unexpected result of a modest liberalisation of gaming controls.

Since its establishment in 1970, the Gaming Board has restricted the number of clubs to about 120, with casinos allowed only in big cities and resorts. The board has now agreed in principle to support changes to reflect population shifts. It still wants the number of clubs to be low enough for the inspection team of retired police officers and servicemen to remain effective.

Tom Kavanagh, secretary of the Gaming Board, said it wanted to avoid the situation where a country club could get permission from local justices for two or three tables, which would be a return to the uncontrolled proliferation of the 1960s. "We take reassurance from the fact that most of the industry is in the hands of well-known and properly run businesses. You can't imagine Rank Organisation going in for illegal strong-arm methods to get back debts."

Even with current restrictions, Britain has more casinos than any European nation except France. Unlike almost every other country, casinos can be found in most big British cities. London has 21 casinos while Paris, New York and Washington have none.

The Gaming Board is prepared to concede other changes which will make casinos more attractive, including extensions of liquor licensing and more gaming machines paying bigger jackpots. It remains opposed to widespread advertising. Casinos are strictly banned from stimulating demand through advertisements and cannot include their details in business directories.

For Ladbroke Group, owning casinos in Britain will improve its chances of moving into the expanding global casino market. The leisure company, which was stripped of 14 casinos by the Gaming Board in 1979 for enticing customers into clubs, must apply again for permission to run its new acquisitions.

If it succeeds, foreign gaming authorities are likely to look favourably on Ladbroke opening or buying casinos abroad.



Chips with everything: the gaming industry has proved itself to be recession-proof, and things can only improve if the Home Office lifts restrictions on casinos

Each player makes an initial "ante" bet before receiving five cards placed face down. The dealer also gets five cards, one of which is face up. The player can then "raise" by placing a further bet of double his ante, or "fold", losing his ante. If the dealer's revealed hand does not contain Ace/King or better (a qualifying hand), all players who raised get even money on their ante. If the dealer has a qualifying hand, he compares it with the player's. If the player has a better hand, he can win odds of up to 50/1 (for a straight flush). If the dealer's hand is better, the player loses all.

The object is to total as close to 9 as possible. Eight decks of cards are used, from which the 7s, 8s, 9s and 10s have been removed. Bets are placed, then the player and dealer are dealt three cards each. Each player can either stand or draw one further card. The hands are compared with the bank's hand to determine the result. The cards have a value equal to their face value, except picture cards which have a value of nil. The ace counts 1. Although each player can take or refuse a fourth card as he wishes, the house must take a card if his three-card total is 5 or less, and stay if it is 6 or better.

Coming clean on dirty money

By Dominic Kennedy

MONEY laundering by drugs barons and east European gangsters is to be addressed by a new voluntary code of practice in British casinos. The code will require staff to alert the National Criminal Intelligence Service to any unusual or suspicious transactions.

Tom Kavanagh, secretary of the Gaming Board, said: "Obviously if money laundering is going on, a casino is a place where you can launder money."

The method is simple: a money launderer takes the proceeds of an illegal deal and exchanges it for chips at a casino. By carefully gambling on the evens and the odds, he can end the evening with most of his fortune intact, losing only on the occasional 0. Finally, he exchanges his chips for a "win cheque".

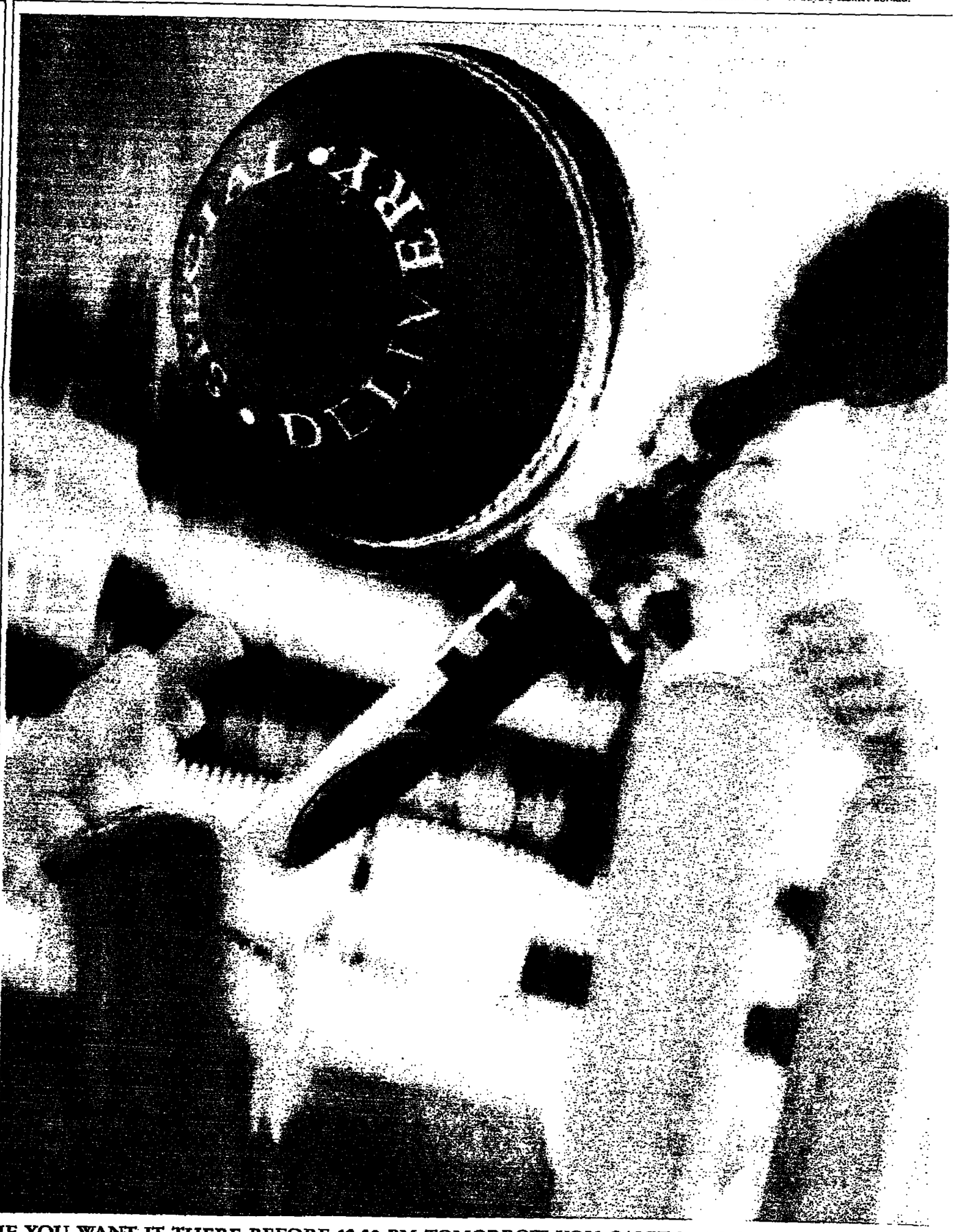
If asked by police or other investigators where his money comes from, he can claim it was the result of a lucky evening playing roulette.

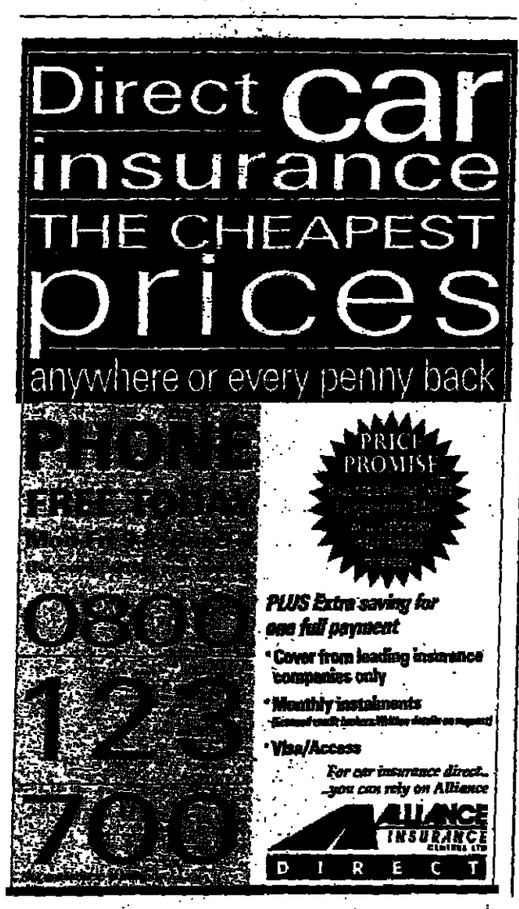
There are fears that organised crime in eastern Europe will be tempted to launder money in London's elite clubs, where a chip can be bought for a six-figure sum.

This is one reason why the Gaming Board is unlikely to relax the strict entrance rules for British casinos, which are confined to members and bona fide guests. Members have to wait 48 hours before they can use a club.

Brian Lemon of the British Casino Association said: "We have members who are absolutely adamant that money-laundering does not go on in their casinos.

"I am assured that when people start doing unusual things it does stand out. The industry is a responsible industry."





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Bradford: G500, G501, G520, G521, G5N1, G5NC
Brighton: Y100
Brunel: F3GM, F3GN, F3G5, G5LR
Buckingham: C8G5 (10), G5N4 (10), G5G1 (10), G5L1 (10), G5N2 (10)
Central England: G500 (10), G561 (10)
Central Lancs: GN51, GT58
Cheltenham & Gloucester Coll: G5GN, G5NC, G1G5, GN5C, G5T9, GN24, G1G5
City: G500 (12), G522 (10), G1G5 (12)
Coventry: FG15, CF53, G560, G500, G5T2, GL51, G523, LG58, GG45
Derby: G900, G501
De Montfort: G562, G523
Dundee: FG35 (12), FG15 (12), G500 (12), GHM6 (12), GL51 (12), CG85 (14), GN54 (12), LG75 (14), GG51 (12)
Durham: G500 (18)
East London: G440, G900, GQ93, GV91
Essex: G500 (12), G532 (12), G570 (12), G5R1 (12), GW53 (16)
Glamorgan: G508
Glasgow Caledonian: G500, G561
Greenwich: L7G5, F3G5, H620, G651, G530, G501, G561, G530, G4G5, G500
Guildhall: G599, Y400
Heriot-Watt: G500, GH57
Hertfordshire: G5T2, G500, GG15, G5F5, G5N1, G5F1, G5H6, G5T2, G5F6, GFB1, G5M3, G5H7, G5G1, G5V7, G5F3, G5G4, F5G5, N1G5, F1G5, H6G5, T2G5, F6G5, B1G5, H7G5, G1G5, V7G5, F3G5, G4G5
Huddersfield: G523, GN51, GT52, GG54, GL57, GN5C, G560
Hull: G500 (12), G560 (12), GG15 (12), G501
Humberside: G500
Kent: G500 (16)
King Alfred's Coll: Y400
Kingston: GG45 (8), FG15 (4), FG85 (6), FG65 (6), GG15 (6), FG35
Leicester: G500 (14)
Leeds Metro: G501
Liverpool: G500 (12), G501 (14), G506 (12), G520 (12)
London, King's Coll: F1G5 (16), G5H6 (16), G500 (18)
London, QMW: G500 (18), G5N1 (18), GG45 (18)
London, RH: G500 (18), G5N1 (18)
London, UCL: G500 (18), G5C8 (18), G5H6 (20)
Luton: G500
LSU, Southampton: C1G5, C508, C5G1
Manchester Metro: FG35, G500, G508, GG15, FG35, GGC5, FG15, GL51, GH5P, GT52, GH57, FG25, FGH5, GL53
Napier: G500, F345
Nene Coll: G560
NE Wales Inst: G511
Newcastle: G500 (10), GL51 (16), FG35 (14), GG15 (14), GG45 (14), NG45 (16)
North London: G500, GG5C, G501, Y100, G5N1
Northumbria: G501, G508, G5N1, G599
Nottingham Trent: FG15, FG35, CG15, FGX5, G501, G500, Y400
Oxford, Brookes: GG45, CG15, FG85, GN57, FG15, GG59, GL51, FG95, GH52, GT59, GR52, GV51, GG5M, GG5N, GG15, GH56, CW53, FGH5, FG35, GK54, GM51, GP55, GN55
Paisley: G500
Plymouth: GP52, G600
Portsmouth: FG15, GG45, FG65
QMC, Edinburgh: G560
Reading: F1G5 (10), G500 (18)
Robert Gordon: NG15, G500, G501, G1G5
Salford: H6N1, CG15 (12), GL51 (12), GG15 (12), GF53 (12), G510
Sheffield: G500 (16)
Sheffield Hallam: G501
Southampton: G500 (24), GT59 (24)
South Bank: GN51, GN54, G501, GH57
Staffordshire: GG54, CG15, JG35, G502, G508, GRM1, GRM2, GRM3, G900, G500, G5RC, G5RF, G5RK, FG15, LG15, GH56, GF56, FG35
Strathclyde: G500 (16), G5M3 (16), G5T9 (16)
Sunderland: FG15 (8), G500 (4), G523 (6), G5R1 (6), G5R2 (6), G5R3 (6)
Surrey: GG1M, GG15, L112, H202, H203, H294
Sussex: G500 (18), G575 (18), G5R1 (18), G5R2 (18), G5R3 (18), G5R8 (18), G5R4 (18), GG15 (10), H6G5
Staffordshire: GL58, G529
Swansea: G501
Teesside: G500, N125
UEA: G500 (16), G502 (18), G510 (16), G1G5 (12), GG51 (12)
Ulster: G510, G545, NN59 (16)
UMIST: G510 (16), G560 (16), GR51 (12), GR52 (12), Q112 (12), QR11 (12), QR12 (12)
Wales, Aberystwyth: G500 (14), GN54 (18), GG15 (14), GGC5 (14), GGD5 (14), GG45 (14), G5T9 (16)
Wales, Bangor: H6N1
Wales, Swansea: G500 (16), G501 (12)
West of England: G450, G501, G500, G534
Wolverhampton: Y600, G501

CONSERVATION
Cheltenham & Gloucester Coll: F9FC, FF6X
East London: C901
Guildhall: J570
Kingston: F970 (8)
London, Wye Coll: F900 (14), D255 (14)
Scarborough: CD12, DF27, FD82
Sussex: C901 (18)
York: C900 (16)

DECISION SCIENCE
Hertfordshire: GN42

DRUG DESIGN
Hull: F130 (12)

EARTH SCIENCE AND STUDIES
Anglia: F920
Cheltenham & Gloucester Coll: F9FC, FF6X, G1F9
Greenwich: F925
Kingston: F920 (6)
Liverpool John Moores: F920
Wales, Aberystwyth: F910 (14)
West London Inst: F9W1, F9N1, FQ94, F9G5, FW94

ECOLOGY
Anglia: F940, FF19
Bath Coll: N750
East London: C910
Greenwich: C999
Huddersfield: F901
Liverpool John Moores: C910
London, Imperial: C900 (20)
London, QMW: C900 (12)
Middlesex: F940
Nescot: C120
North London: F940, Y100
Sussex: C901 (18)
York: C900 (16)

EDUCATION (SCIENCE)
Brighton: X971, XF79
Edge Hill Coll: E4EX (8)
Coventry: C100
Hull: F1E1 (12)
Leeds, Bretton Hall: EF29, EF59, EW29, EW59
Leeds Metro: EW72, XG7F
Liverpool John Moores: E7C1, E7F1, E7F3, E7N7, E7W2, EW72, EX72
Manchester Metro: EW72
NE Wales Inst: E7N1
Sheffield Hallam: EF71, EG51, EY71
Scarborough: EC41, EC21, EG41, EG21
York: C1X3, G1X3, F3X3

ENERGY STUDIES
Brighton: Y100, JN91
City: HJ39 (12)
Glamorgan: FG99

ENTOMOLOGY
London, Imperial: C345 (20)

ENVIROMENTAL BIOLOGY
Bath Coll: Y400
Edge Hill Coll: C162 (10)
Hull: C160 (14)
Norwich, City Coll: C160 (6)
Oxford, Brookes: FG94, CF19, FF39, FN97, FF19, FG95, FL91, FH92, FT99, FR92, FV91, FG9M, FN9N, FG91, FW93, FF89, FF39, FK94, FP95, FN95
London, Wye Coll: F930 (12), C160 (12)
South Bank: C160
Strathclyde: F900 (18)

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT
Cardiff Inst: F910 (10)
Cranfield, Silsoe: N802 (14)
Edge Hill Coll: C162 (10)
Humberside: D499R
London, Wye Coll: F900 (14), D255 (14)
Luton: F910
Sheffield Hallam: H250
Worcester CHE: N800
York: C491 (16)

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES/ SCIENCE
Abertay Dundee: F900
Anglia: F901
Askham Bryan Coll: N800
Bolton Inst: CF19, FG91, FG95, FV97, FW99, FV91
Bournemouth: F938 (16)
Brighton: F901
Buckingham: MC39 (12)
Canterbury, Christ Church Coll: F901, F900
Central England: K440, K4F9, K4K4, K4K3, K4L3, K4N9, K4W2
Central Lancs: F910, F9D2
Cheltenham & Gloucester Coll: F6FX, D955
Colchester Inst: F900
Coventry: F199, F9T2, F900
Cranfield, Silsoe: N1F9 (14), N802 (12)
De Montfort: F910
Derby: F900, F910, Y600, HF19
Dundee: F900 (12), FF39 (12)
East London: FV91
Edinburgh: F140 (16), F630 (18), V670 (18)
Essex: C160 (8), F160 (6), C161
Farnborough Coll: F910
Glamorgan: F900, FL93
Glasgow Caledonian: F900
Greenwich: C160, C168, F199, K340, F925, B900, F918
Hertfordshire: F9F5, F9N1, F9F1, F9H6, F9T2, F9F6, F9B1, F9H7, F9G1, F9V7, F9F3, F9G4, F140, F148, F910, F918, F5F9, N1F9, F1F9, H6F9, T2F9, F6F9, B1F9, H7F9, G1F9, V7F9, F3F9, G4F9
Huddersfield: F901, F910
Humberside: F900 (12)
Kingston: F900 (8), F970 (8), F630 (6)
Leeds: F900 (22), F904 (16), F902 (18)
Leeds, Bretton Hall: EF29, EF59
Liverpool John Moores: F900, F1F9, F910, FN91
London, King's Coll: C1F9 (18), F910 (18), B900 (16)
London, QMW: F900 (16)
London, Wye Coll: F930 (12), F900 (14)
Luton: Y400, F900, F901
Manchester Metro: CF19, B900, F900, F910C, F910, F901, F907, CF19
Middlesex: F9Y1, B900, F900, F908, FNX1, J950, J958, Y400
NE Wales Inst: F900
North London: FF19
Napier: C160, F374
Nescot: F918, K241
Nene: Y4C1, F910
Newcastle: D242 (8), H255 (12), H256 (18), D202 (14)
Nottingham Trent: GF59, F901, FF19, FF39, FGX5, FGXM
Paisley: F900
Reading: G160 (12), G254 (12), F900 (16), LL18 (18), N800 (18)
Robert Gordon: F900
Salford: F140 (10), F900 (14), F922 (16)
Scarborough: F9W4, F9W1, F9W3, F9WK, F9G9, F9L3, F9Q3, F9V1, F9V8, W4F9, W1F9, W3Y1, V8F9
Sheffield Hallam: CF99, FF19, FF39
St Mary's Coll: F900
Staffordshire: F920, C160, F148, F901, CF19, FF19, FF39
Stockton: L1F9 (6), F900 (6), F9H2 (6)
Strathclyde: CH92 (12)
Surrey: C540
Sussex: F900, F9R1, F9R2, F9R3, F9R4
UEA: G1F9 (12)
UMIST: H875, H2N8, F353, F354, F3F9, F3FY
West London Inst: LQ84, L8W1, L8W5, LW84, L8N1, L8G5, FL68, LV81, LX88, LW83, LV88, LX8Y
Westminster: F910, FN91, F900
West of England: B900
Wolverhampton: Y600, F900, K3F9
York: C900 (16)

FOOD SCIENCE/ STUDIES
Anglia: BC41, N700
Bath Coll: D450
Bournemouth: N721, D400
Brighton: ND14
Cardiff Inst: D400 (10)
Cranfield, Silsoe: N5D4 (12)
Greenwich: B400
Humberside: D400 (10), D421 (10), D401 (10), D4N1 (10), B400 (10), D499R
Huddersfield: DB44, ND74
Manchester Metro: D421, D4N1
Leeds: D400 (8)
Leeds Metro: BD44
Liverpool John Moores: D4L5
North London: BC41, N700, Y100
Newcastle: D420 (10)
Plymouth: D202, D400, D203
QMC, Edinburgh: D420, D4N5, D401
Reading: FD14 (10), D430 (12), D400 (12), D450 (12), D470 (12), D421 (12)
Robert Gordon: D4N1
Scottish Agricultural Coll: DN28, DN21
South Bank: D400, N781
Strathclyde: DC45 (18)
Surrey: CD54, B400, BD44
Thames Valley: N799

FORESTRY/FOREST STUDIES
Wales, Bangor: D300 (10), D322 (10)

GENETICS
Dundee: C420 (12)
Leeds: C400 (18)
London, King's Coll: C400 (18)
London, QMW: C400 (12), C4C5 (12)
Newcastle: C400 (18)
York: C400 (16)

GEOGRAPHY
Bath Coll: Y400
Brighton: Y100
Central Lancs: FL88
Cheltenham & Gloucester Coll: V8L8
Coventry: FL18, CL18, F800, LF83, LL18, LG58, RL18, LR82, LK84, LM81, G562, GL18, GL48
Greenwich: FG85, F800
Huddersfield: L800
Kingston: GL58 (10), L800 (12), F800 (12), FF81 (6), FG85 (6), FL81 (6), FR81 (6), FF86 (6), FG81 (6), FG84 (6), CF18
London, Guildhall: F899, L800, Y400
London, RH: F800 (20), FF68 (20)
LSU, Southampton: C1L8, G5L8, L8G1
Luton: F800, Y400
Nene Coll: L800
Portsmouth: FF18, F8R2, F800, F808, F8X9, FF68
Salford: GF18 (14), FL11 (12)
Scarborough: FD82
Sussex: F800 (16)
West London Inst: LQ84, LW84, LQ83, L8W5, L8G5, L8N1, L8W1
Wolverhampton: Y600, F840

GEOLOGY
Anglia: F600
Cheltenham & Gloucester Coll: F6F9, F6G1, F6FX, F6G5, FF6X
Derby: F600, Y600
Durham: F600 (14)
Edinburgh: F600 (18)
Exeter: F605 (4)
Greenwich: F600
Hertfordshire: F6F5, F6N1, F6F1, F6G5, F6L1, F6H6, F6F9, F6T2, F6B1, F6N2, F6V7, F6F3, F6G4, F5F6, N1F6, F1F6, G5F6, L1F6, H6F6, T2F6, B1F6, N2F6, F3F6, G4F6, F9F6, V7F6
Kingston: F600 (6), FG65 (6), FL61 (6), FR61 (6), FR61 (6), FF63 (4), FF86 (6), F615 (6), F630 (6)
Leicester: F600 (12), F610 (12)
London, QMW: FF69 (10)
London, UCL: F500 (16), F600, F630, F650, F660, F654
Luton: F600, Y400
Plymouth: D203
Portsmouth: FF16, F6R2, F6R1, FG64, F6X9, F600, F608, FF68, FG61, FF36, FG65
Staffordshire: F600, FL68, FG64, CF16, FJ63, FF16, GF56, FM66, FFG3
Sunderland: FF16 (8), CF16 (8), FR62 (8), F611 (4), F699 (4)
Wales, Aberystwyth: F600 (14)
West London Inst: FQ64, F6W1, F6N1, F6G5, FW64, FQ63, F6W5, FL68, FV61, FX68, FW63, FV68, FX6V

GEOPHYSICS
Leicester: F640 (12)
London, UCL: F660 (16), F650 (16)
Newcastle: F650

GEOSCIENCE
Edinburgh: F630 (18)
Greenwich: F670
Leicester: F670 (12)
London, UCL: F630 (16)
Oxford, Brookes: GH42, CH12, FH82, HN27, FH12, GH52, GH92, HL21, FH92, HT29, HR22, HV21, GHM2, HN2N, GH12, HH26, HW23, FHH2, FH32, HK24, HM21, HP25, HN25
Reading: F141 (10)
Staffordshire: F920

HEALTH SCIENCE AND STUDIES
Bournemouth: B991
Cardiff Inst: H6B8 (10)
Central Lancs: B990 (12)
Coventry: L531
De Montfort: B991
Derby: B995
Greenwich: B900
Gwent Coll: B999
London, UCL: B986
Luton: Y400
North London: B990
Napier: L450
Manchester Metro: B991
Middlesex: Y400
QMC, Edinburgh: B990
Stockton: B991 (8)
Sunderland: B990 (12)
Wolverhampton: Y600

HISTORY OF SCIENCE
London, UCL: V500 (16)

HORTICULTURE
Central Lancs: D252
Greenwich: D250
Hertfordshire: D250, D258
London, Wye Coll: D2NC (12), D250 (12)
Reading: D250 (12)
Scottish Agricultural Coll: D250, D2N9
Strathclyde: D250 (8), D2N9 (8)

HUMAN BIOLOGY
Aston: C112 (16)
Hertfordshire: B1F5, F1F1, B1G5, B1L1, B1H6, B1F9, B1T2, B1F6, B1H7, B1G1, B1N2, B1V7, B1G4, F9B1, T2B1, F6B1, H7B1, N2B1, V7B1, G4B1, G1B1
Leeds Metro: B150
London, King's Coll: B150 (18)
Wolverhampton: Y600

HUMAN SCIENCE
Bournemouth: CG86
Cheltenham & Gloucester Coll: V8L8
East London: C921
Norwich, City Coll: C980 (6)
Sussex: Y400 (20)
Stockton: B991 (8), Y400 (8)

IMMUNOLOGY
East London: C920
London, King's Coll: C920 (18), CC79 (18), CC69 (18)
London, UCL: C920 (18)
Nescot: C120
Strathclyde: CB92 (18), CC59 (18)

INFORMATION SCIENCE
North London: G560, Y100
Portsmouth: G599
Teesside: G520
UEA: GN54 (18)
Wales, Aberystwyth: G520 (16)

INSTRUMENTATION
Brunel: F352, F355
Coventry: B899
Glasgow Caledonian: F1G5, F310
Manchester Metro: GH16, FH36, GHC6, FH16, H680, HH67, FH26, HF63, HL63
Middlesex: Y400
Gwent Coll: H642

MARINE STUDIES
Liverpool John Moores: J600, N960
Plymouth: C170
Southampton Inst: N960
Wales, Bangor: F140 (8), C170 (16)

MATERIALS SCIENCE
Abertay Dundee: F110
Bath: J500 (14)
Coventry: F200, FF12, FG21, FF23
Hull: F166 (12)
Leeds: J500 (12)
Liverpool: F200 (12), J200 (12), J520 (8), FF12 (12), FF23 (12), FG21 (12)
London, Imperial: JF52 (12), JF5F (16), J525 (12)
London, UCL: F1F2 (20)
Loughborough: J5N1 (12)
Manchester Metro: F200, F208, FF23, CF12, FF12, GFC2, FG25, FL21, FT29, FH27, FF32, FH26, FL23
Sheffield: J200 (12), J500 (12)
Surrey: J521, J520, J525, J524
UMIST: J2B9 (10)

MATHEMATICS
Abertay Dundee: FG11, CG81, FG31
Aston: CG11 (24), FG11 (24), GG15 (24), GL14 (24), GM1C (24), GM11 (24), GR11 (24)
Anglia: G100
Bath: G100 (20)
Bolton: CG11, FG91, G100, GG15, GK14, GN11, GW19, LG61, GN14, GQ13, GV11, GV17, MG91, TG21
Bradford: G100, GG14, G1N1, G1V7
Brighton: Y100
Brunel: G100 (12), G103 (12), G104 (12), G1H1 (12), G1HC (12), G1HD (12)
Canterbury, Christ Church Coll: LG31, WG11, WG31, CG51, GY1C, GL13, GW11, GG15, GW13, GY11
Central Lancs: G100 (8), G101 (8), G140 (8)
Cheltenham & Gloucester Coll: F6G1, G1F9, G1G5, G1N3, N3G1, G5GC
City: G100 (12), G1F3 (12), G1L1 (12)
Coventry: FG11, CF13, LG11, GL18, CG11, RG21, RG11, G101, G100, FG21, GG1M
De Montfort: G100, G150
Derby: Y600
Dundee: GN14 (12), G100 (12), GL11 (12), FG31 (12), G101 (10), GG51 (12)
Durham: G100 (20)
East London: GV91
Edinburgh: G100 (18)
Essex: G101 (4), G100 (80), GR11 (8), GW13 (8), G150 (8)
Exeter: G100 (16), G107 (16), G130 (16), GGD4 (16)
Glamorgan: G100, GG5M, YG31
Glasgow Caledonian: G1TX, G1T9
Greenwich: EG71
Heriot-Watt: G100 (14), G102 (12)
Hertfordshire: F5G1, N1G1, F1G1, GG15, G5G1, L1G1, H6G1, F9G1, T2G1, B1G1, G100, G1F5, G1N1, G1F1, G1G5, G1L1, G1H6, G1F9, G1T2, G1B1, G1N2, G1V7, G1F3, N2G1, F3G1, V7G1
Hull: GG15 (12), G100 (14), G120
Kent: G100 (14)
King Alfred's Coll: Y400 (8)
Kingston: FG31, GG15, GR11, GG14, G100, FG81
Leeds: H3G1 (18), G150 (12), G100 (14)
Leeds Metro: XG75
Leicester: G100 (16), G101 (20), G103 (20), G1F5 (16), G1FM (20)
Liverpool: G100 (12), G106 (12), G150 (12), G151 (12), G156 (12), G176 (12), G400 (12), G1F3 (12), G1N1 (12), G1XC (12), GG14 (12), GG15 (12), FG21 (12), F6G1 (12)
London, Goldsmiths: G140, G141, G147, CG81, E2G1, G1GM
London, Guildhall: Y400
London, King's Coll: GX11 (8), GN11 (18), FG31 (16), FG11 (18), G100 (18), G1V5 (18)
London, QMW: FG11 (8), FG31 (12), FG51 (12), G100 (8), G102 (14), G110 (12), G120 (12), G1FM (14), G1T2 (14), GF15 (12), GR18 (18), GRD8 (18)
London, RH: G100 (16), G1N1 (16), GF13 (16)
London, UCL: F1G1 (20), G107 (22), G1N1 (22), G100 (22), G1T2 (22), G1F3 (22), GF15 (22), GF13 (22)
Loughborough: G100 (16), GG15 (16), G1L1 (16), FG31 (16)
Manchester Metro: G110, G108, FG31, CG11, G140, FG11, GG15, GL11, GT19, GH17, FGH1, GJ14, GH16, GL13, FG31, FG3C, CG11, CG1C, EG71, EG7C, EG71C
Middlesex: G158, G150, G1NC, G1N1
North London: G100, G116, G150, Y100, 009G, GG5C
Napier: GN13, G140, GH11
Newcastle: G110 (16), G120 (16), G150 (12), G151 (10), G100 (16), NG41 (16), FG11 914), GL11 (16), FG31 (14)
Northumbria: G100, G108
Nottingham Trent: G1G5 (6), CG11 (4), FG11 (4), GG15 (4), FG31 (4), GG51 (4), E7G1,
Oxford, Brookes: GG14, CG11, FG81, GN17, FG11, GG15, GG19, GL11, FG91, GH12, GT19, GV11, GG1M, GG1N, GH16, GW13, FGH1, FG31, GK14, GM11, GP15, GN15
Paisley: GG15, G150
Plymouth: G100, G150
Portsmouth: FG11, G199, G198, G1X9, G150, G158, GG14, G900, G908, G100, G108, G1R2, G1R1, FG61
Reading: G152 (14), G100 (18), GG15 (18), GL11 (18), GF19 (18), GF13 (18), GG14 (16), G123 (18), G113 (18)
Salford: G100 (14), G101 (14), FG11 (10), GF13 (12), GF18 (14), CG91 (12), GL11 (12), GG15 (12)
Sheffield: G100 (18), NG11 (18), NG4D (18)
Sheffield Hallam: EG51, EY71
South Bank: GN11, GN14
St Mary's: FG11 (4), GQ18 (4), GW14 (12), GF18 (4), GL13 (4), GV18 (4)
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Newcastle: GG1L (14), GG1K (14), GG14 (14)
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Edinburgh: F300 (16), F334 (16), F650 (18), F526 (16), F376 (16)
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Britain squares up for fight with US over Bosnian arms

BY GEORGE BROCK IN USEDOM AND MICHAEL EVANS

BRITISH officials yesterday issued one of their strongest warnings for years of looming transatlantic quarrels if America lifts the ban on arms supplies for Bosnia-Herzegovina's Muslims.

Off-the-record briefings by British officials attending a European Union foreign ministers' meeting on the German Baltic coast provoked an immediate row between Washington and London over how America and Europe should handle negotiations over Bosnia. Acknowledging that the lifting of the United Nations arms embargo was probably "unavoidable", British officials said that if it were removed while British and French troops were still deployed, it "would have profound consequences for the transatlantic relationship".

President Clinton has told senators and congressmen that if no progress has been made in Bosnian peace talks by October 15, America will submit a UN resolution to lift the ban on arms for the Bosnian Muslim army. If that makes no progress by November 15, America will break the UN embargo unilaterally.

Although using more restrained language than his officials, Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, told the EU meeting that troops could not be left in Bosnia if America insisted on arming the Muslims and reigniting the war. "Lift [the sanctions] and stay," he told the meeting, "is the same as lift and pray. It's not an option."

Today in London, John Major will be given a full breakdown of the implications for the 3,300 British troops in Bosnia if the arms ban is lifted. The Prime Minister will also be briefed on the options for withdrawing them.

Downing Street sources confirmed that Malcolm Rifkind, the Defence Secretary, and Field Marshal Sir Peter Inge, Chief of the Defence Staff, will brief the Prime Minister on developments in Bosnia. Sir Peter is expected to warn him that a decision next month to lift the arms ban would mean withdrawing the troops in winter conditions, putting them at increased risk.

Britain's only concession to American pressure so far has been the Government's agreement not to veto a move to lift the arms ban if there were "general acceptance in the world community".

The Cabinet's overseas and defence policy committee is expected to meet in the next two weeks to discuss detailed papers produced by the Ministry of Defence which recommend emergency measures to ensure the safety of the British troops, either during a withdrawal or in the event of a resurgence of the civil war during the winter. Since there is no question of British pulling out forces unilaterally, the ministry has been forced to continue planning for the next rotation of troops, due in November, when the Royal Anglians will be replaced by the Royal Highland Fusiliers. A reconnaissance party from the Royal Highland Fusiliers will leave for Bosnia next month.

The withdrawal of Britain's 3,300 troops and the 19,000 other UN soldiers from 27 countries who are serving in Bosnia would be supported by a heavy show of American air power.

However, the European troop-contributing countries are angry with the Americans for seeking a dangerous increase in the fighting when there are no US ground forces in Bosnia. "I don't know how the Americans will live with themselves when the arms embargo is lifted and we have to take the consequences," one British defence source said.

There is also a new feeling of unease in London because Britain appears to be leading the field in warning of the need to withdraw troops if the arms ban is lifted. One British official said that although the French had taken the same position, they now seemed keen to let the British take the lead. "The French have contributed a lot to Bosnia and they don't want to be seen to be the first ones out," the official said.

Mostar's symbol of peace shrugs off rocket attack

BY TIM JUDAH
BALKANS CORRESPONDENT

AN anti-tank rocket yesterday blasted the headquarters of the fledgeling European Union administration for the Bosnian city of Mostar. No one was hurt but Hans Koschnick, the German appointed to head the administration, said that it would not deter him from his work in the city, divided between Croats and Muslims.

The rocket, fired from the Croat side, was possibly in retaliation for Herr Koschnick having removed a Croat militia barricade. As part of the peace package which ended the war between Bosnian Croats and Muslims both sides agreed that the issue of Mostar should be set aside for two years.

During that time the EU was asked to administer it, rebuild its infrastructure and reunite it. "I tell them all to look at this," Herr Koschnick, 65 and former mayor of Bremen, says, thrusting forwards a grim looking book called *Bremen Kaputt*. Nazi troops march through the early pictures.



Koschnick: determined to restore order

"Bloody fools" he mutters, "but here comes the interesting bit: Bremen 1945, a town in ruins; then Bremen in 1955, 1965 and on, growing and rebuilding. It took us 20 years, 30, 40, even more." Herr Koschnick boasts that he forces every local politician to have a good look at the book to show them what is in store for their city.

It is, of course, unlikely that a former German mayor will make a huge impact in Mostar. Yet Herr Koschnick insists he will take power. Ostentatiously, and even when he is not there, his black Mercedes cruises the streets as a symbol meant to reassure the people and fly the EU flag.

As part of the agreement with the EU Mostar is supposed to have been demilitarised so soldiers have swapped their shoulder flashes for ones identifying them as policemen. The joke about town is that they no longer carry Kalashnikov assault rifles. Now they carry Koschnickovs.

The Pope demands rejection of hatred by Croats

FROM TIM JUDAH IN ZAGREB

THE Pope, addressing many thousands of Croats yesterday, condemned nationalist intolerance and told them that that they must put away thoughts of vengeance and hatred.

Sitting on a dais surrounded by prelates and mitred bishops, the Pope told the crowd that history had created "thousands of unbreakable ties" between the Croats and their neighbours and that reconciliation was the only way to make peace.

"Would it not be an intolerable hypocrisy to repeat the Lord's Prayer, while at the same time harbouring feelings of anger and envy or even intentions of violence and revenge?", he asked.

The crowd listened in dignified silence and clapped; there was none of the excessive flag-waving that might have been expected. The vast majority were overjoyed by the Pope's two-day visit, which they saw as an historic day for their country that gained independence after the bloody war of 1991.

"It was great," Matko Marusic, a physiologist, said. "The message was peace and forgiveness. We believe in brotherhood with Serbs, but we just do not want to live in the same state as them."

Iva Bacic, a student from Dubrovnik, was far more sceptical, though. "He has to say that; he is a Pope. He cannot say 'hate Serbs', but even though I know it is a sin I do hate them, and I cannot forgive them."

The Holy See played a key role in supporting Croatia's claim to independence and was the first state to recognise it. However, relations soured as the government of President Tudjman began to pursue a policy of dividing Bosnia-Herzegovina. The Church was instrumental in reversing that, and the creation of the federation of Croats and Muslims in Bosnia this year opened the way for the present visit.

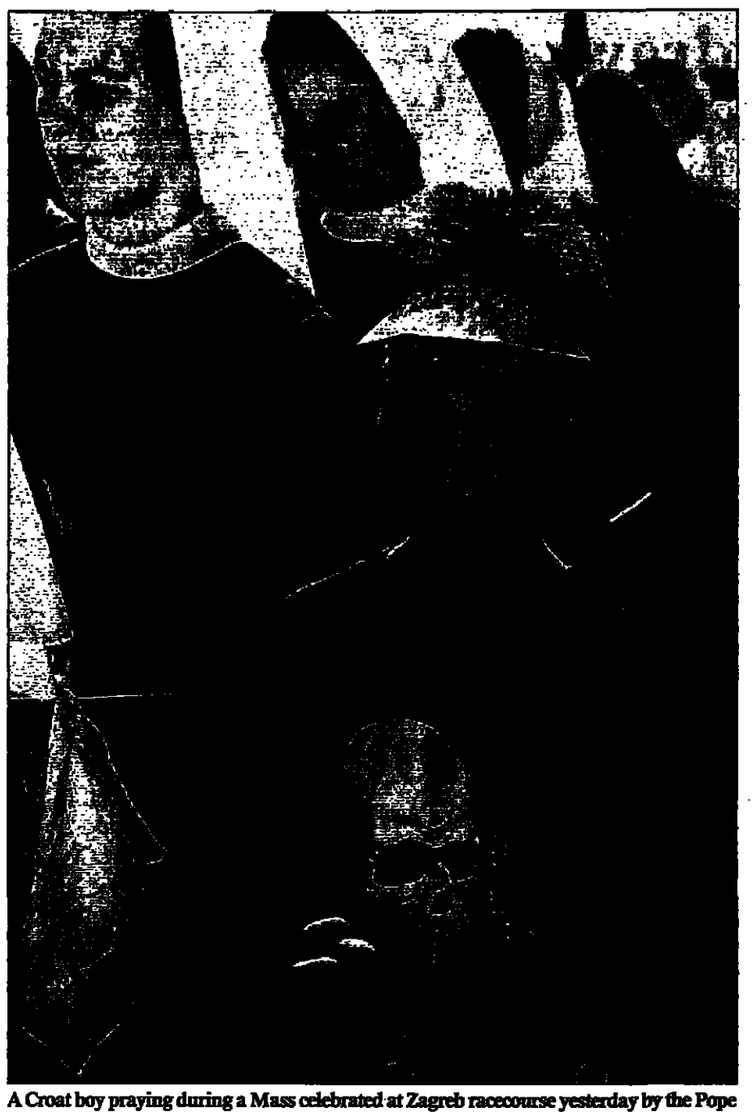
The Pope had no special words of praise for the Croatian state and did not mention the fact that almost a third of the country is under Serb control. By contrast, he greeted the Serbian Orthodox Church and said: "My thoughts fly with nostalgia to the times when all the believers of this region were united." He also condemned "the phenomenon of nationalist intolerance which has swept over this region [and which] cannot be attributed to religion".

There were also only the barest of courtesies for President Tudjman. Indeed, the Pope spoke of the President's "grave responsibility" to all his people. Although the vast majority of Croats are Roman Catholics, the Pope made few references to Croats as opposed to expressions such as "all the inhabitants of Croatia" which implied that he was talking to Serbs as well.

On arriving in Zagreb on Saturday afternoon, the Pope, who looked elderly and frail, did not kiss the ground as he has done on all of his previous foreign journeys. Instead, a bowl of Croatian soil was held up for him to kiss. He then drove the 12-mile route into the city in his traditional "popemobile" while tens of thousands lined the route.

After presiding at vespers in Zagreb cathedral, the Pope went behind the altar to pray at the tomb of Cardinal Alojzije Stepinac. It was an act that was applauded by the crowded assembly of nuns and monks but that certainly will prove controversial abroad. In 1941 Cardinal Stepinac welcomed the creation of the Nazi puppet Croat state and, although he objected to its excesses, thereafter he played a highly ambiguous role. The Nazi Croat wartime state was responsible for the death of hundreds of thousands of Serbs, Jews, gypsies and Communists.

Slavko Goldstein, a former head of Zagreb's Jewish community, said of Cardinal Stepinac: "He was neither a saint nor do I think he was a criminal. His was a very similar posture to that of the [then] Pope [Pius XII], who saved quite a number of individuals but never denounced Auschwitz."



A Croat boy praying during a Mass celebrated at Zagreb racecourse yesterday by the Pope

Reports of funeral Mass add to woes of Vatican

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

PERSISTENT reports yesterday that a "funeral Mass" for the Pope was accidentally celebrated in St Peter's basilica have embarassed the Vatican at the end of one of the most troubled weeks of his pontificate.

Italian newspapers said a priest stunned the congregation attending early-morning Mass in the largest church in the world last Sunday by announcing: "The Pope is dead, pray for him."

The incident occurred after a Polish prelate close to the Pope, Cardinal Andrzej Maria Deskur, unexpectedly arrived in the Vatican at 5 am, setting off rumours that the frail, 74-year-old pontiff was dead, *La Stampa* said. *Il Messaggero* said that the priest received a telephone call in the sacristy of St Peter's advising him that the Pope was dead seconds before the service.

"The news was kept rigorously secret by Vatican officials but was disclosed by some of the congregation," *La Repubblica* said. The Vatican press office shrugged off the reports as "not worthy of attention", but the suspicion of such a blatant error in Vatican protocol has heightened the feeling that the end of the 16-year pontificate is approaching.

The Pope's postponement of his trip to Sarajevo was a deep personal disappointment. Concern about his health was rekindled when he was unable to kiss the ground at the start of his visit to Croatia on Saturday. It was the first time he had not been able to make the gesture he has always used in the past to mark a pilgrimage to a new country.

"This is a bitter year for Pope Wojtyla," *La Repubblica*'s Vatican expert, Marco Politi, commented. "It seemed it would close like a grandiose and romantic chapter of *Quo Vadis*. Instead one has seen the profile of King Lear in the ruins of Sarajevo."

Assault shows Serbian strength

FROM ANTHONY LOYD IN ZAGREB

THE weekend offensive by Serb forces around Bihac, though finally contained by Bosnian government troops, carried an ominous warning for both the Bosnians and United Nations alike.

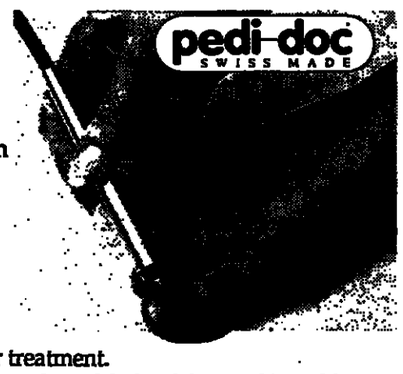
Coming close on the heels of the Sarajevo 5th Corps victory against the rebel Muslim leader, Fikret Abdic, the pincer-like thrust from the northern and eastern sides of the enclave, carried out by Bosnian Serbs and, for the first time, Croatian Serbs from the Krajina, initially sent Bosnian troops reeling back along separate fronts several miles wide. It was the latest Serb counter-offensive to have blasted victorious Bosnian troops off their recent land gains.

Though the last two years have transformed the Bosnian Armija from a ramshackle band of freedom fighters and gangsters into a relatively disciplined and structured body, Bihac demonstrated that they are still no match for concentrated Serb assaults involving the co-ordinated use of the weapons systems the Bosnians still so glaringly lack: heavy artillery and tanks. The litany of summer Armija successes, then failures, sets a grim pattern in which Bihac is only the latest bloody marker: Ozran, Breza and Mount Vlasic have all seen similar debacles.

Furthermore it highlighted the Serbs confidence in their military capability when the West apparently believes that sanctions have brought their military machine to its knees. Ironically the American threat to overtly lift the arms embargo on Bosnia's beleaguered troops and redress the imbalance seems only to play further into the Serbs' hands. One British officer in Bosnia remarked: "Lifting [the embargo] would be a perverse way of killing Muslims." Moreover any lifting of the embargo appears certain to intensify Serb attacks on the UN garrisons stretched through Bosnia.

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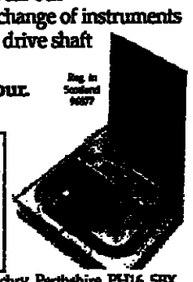


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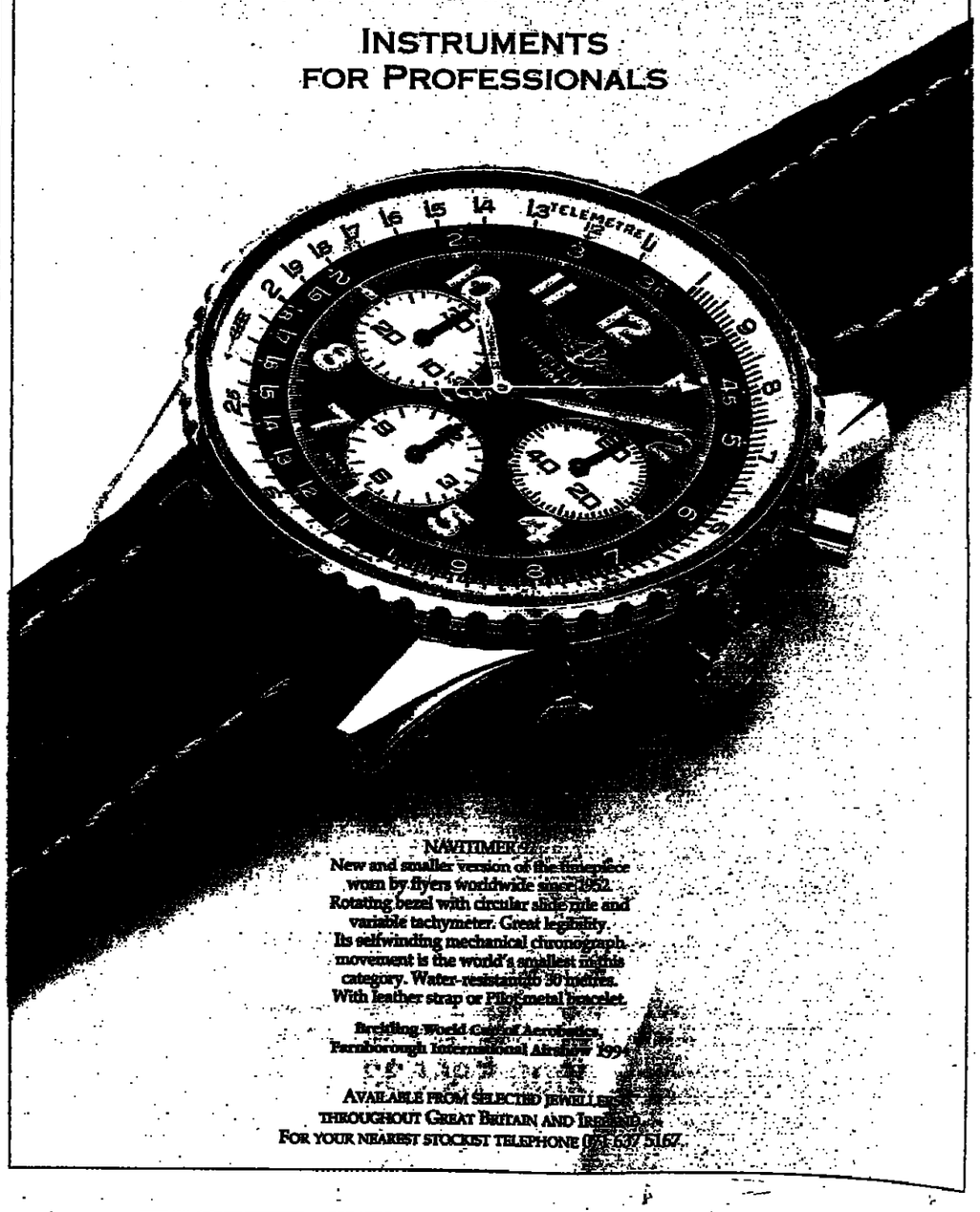
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France draws closer to Nato as Belgian is tipped for next leader



Wörner: struggle to fill gap left by his death

FROM GEORGE BROCK IN USEDOM AND CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

WILLY Claes, the Belgian Foreign Minister, has emerged as front candidate for Nato Secretary-General ahead of Dutch and Norwegian candidates in the race to succeed the late Manfred Wörner.

Nato's 16 governments are unlikely to reach a final decision on a successor to the respected Herr Wörner until at least the end of this month, but Mr Claes has reached a strong position well ahead of his rivals and appears to have few opponents. Hans van den Broek, the Dutch European Commissioner, has not picked up much support and the candidacy of Norway's United Nations negotiator, Thorvald Stoltenberg, is flagging. Manoeuvring will continue for a few weeks until most of the EU's Foreign Ministers meet their US and Canadian counterparts at the UN at the end of this month.

EU Foreign Ministers who met in Usedom, Germany, at the weekend did not formally discuss Nato, but corridor talks made clear Mr Claes leads the field. "I think Claes will get it," one British official said, adding of Mr Claes's period chairing the EU's Foreign Ministers: "Within the limits of being a Belgian, he didn't do a bad job."

Several governments cling to the hope that higher-profile politicians can be tempted into the field. The German government sounded out Douglas Hurd during August, but were told that Mr Hurd would not be a candidate for both "personal and political reasons", and that there would be no British candidate. British officials speculate that Ruud Lubbers, who recently stepped down after a dozen years as Dutch Prime Minister and failed to become President of the European Commission, can be tempted, but he has shown no sign of wanting the job.

The EU ministers did discuss the vacancies at the head of the Organisation of Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and the new World Trade Organisation, where the chances of European success look poor. Most EU ministers want the existing French OECD Secretary-General, Jean-Claude Paye, renewed, but Britain has promoted Lord Lawson and Germany has fielded its own man. The US has told European capitals that M Paye cannot continue and is backing the Canadian, Donald Johnson, for the job.

The EU backs a single candidate for the trade organisation, Renato Ruggiero of Italy, but the post seems likely to go to the leading candidate from the developing world, Carlos Salinas de Gortari, of Mexico.

As the wrangling over a new leader for Nato drags on, the political heirs of General de Gaulle, who pulled French forces out in 1966, are reopening links with the alliance in a push to create a pan-European defence body. Greater French military involvement with Nato, a taboo for 28 years, is part of a plan advanced by Edouard Balladur, the Prime Minister, for a security alliance that would link West and East Europe.

On Friday, President Mitterrand publicly rebuked the Gaullist leader for his team's excessive enthusiasm for the alliance. "There is a tendency to return to the Nato fold. I do not want anyone to interpret our conduct as meaning we want to rejoin. I am hostile to this."

M Mitterrand's complaint reflects misgivings over the shift being engineered by M Balladur, top contender to succeed the ailing President, towards scrapping France's go-it-alone policy. The most visible sign is the decision to send François Léotard, the Defence Minister, to a Nato ministerial session in Seville this month. No French minister has been to such a meeting since 1966.

The Gaullist-led government envisages a joint security body based round the ten-member Western European Union. In a speech, M Balladur set out a detailed plan for moving quickly to establish the WEU as the "central core of a future European defence" which would later involve the East European countries of the former Soviet bloc.

President defies MPs by seizing power in Crimea

FROM ANATOL LIEVEN IN MOSCOW

PRESIDENT Meshkov of Crimea yesterday dissolved parliament, denouncing it as corrupt, and seized near-dictatorial personal control over the autonomous pro-Russian region of Ukraine.

Mr Meshkov, who has been at odds with parliament for weeks, read a series of decrees over Crimean radio at 8.15 am. He also dissolved local councils and took control of the media.

As he was speaking, police sealed off the parliament building, preventing angry deputies from entering. The deputies immediately denounced the President's moves as illegal, as did the public prosecutor, and announced that they would hold an emergency session later in the day at another venue.

Last week the deputies voted by 64 to 20 to reduce Mr Meshkov's constitutional powers. This he denounced as a coup d'état and vowed to introduce a new constitution and submit it to a referendum next year.

His seizure of personal power yesterday could not have been forecast four months ago. He was elected on a wave of Russian nationalism and disenchantment with Ukraine in January. The great majority of deputies were elected on the same platform two months later. The programme of his Russia electoral bloc called for Crimea to leave Ukraine and throw in its lot with Russia. Conflict with Ukraine over this issue seemed the most likely cause of a crisis in the region.

Since then, however, Mr Meshkov has considerably moderated his public position. He appears to have relegated secession from Ukraine to the distant future, emphasising instead the need for greater



autonomy and for Crimea to become a "bridge" between Ukraine and Russia.

His change of position has reportedly come after behind-the-scenes pressure from Moscow, which does not at present want to provoke a crisis with Ukraine. This has been even more so since the election in July of Leonid Kuchma as President of Ukraine, when he defeated the much more nationalist and anti-Russian Leonid Kravchuk. With relations between Kiev and Moscow thus improved, Crimea's room for manoeuvre has been sharply reduced.

While President Meshkov has moved to a more cautious position, many Crimean deputies remain bitterly opposed to Ukrainian rule. Last week the parliament voted to approve in principle the declaration by the Crimean port city of Sevastopol that it considers itself part of Russia.

Another moderating influence on Mr Meshkov has been Yevgeni Saburov, his pragmatic Prime Minister-designate, who is a former Soviet Deputy Prime Minister and head of a Moscow think-tank with no previous connection with Crimea. Mr Saburov's appointment was meant to bring much-needed administrative expertise to the Crimean government as well as reinforcing Crimea's links with Russia.

The choice of Mr Saburov has, however, proved a political disaster for Mr Meshkov. Mr Saburov insisted on bringing most of his government team with him from Moscow, infuriating the local establishment. His proposals for privatisation and for cutting back state subsidies also struck directly at the interests of local managers.



Two women belonging to eastern Germany's Sorbic minority return home in traditional dress after voting in Rosenthal, Saxony, yesterday

Anxious Kohl looks east for poll support

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

HELMUT Kohl yesterday faced a moment of truth in the former East Germany.

Two state elections, in Brandenburg and Saxony, provided a litmus test of sentiment there before the October general election. The two regional leaders involved were the "Duke" of Brandenburg and the "King" of Saxony. The "Duke" is Manfred Stolpe, a Social Democrat who has a coalition with the Free Democrats and Greens. In Saxony, the man dubbed "King Kurt" is Kurt Biedenkopf, a Christian Democrat and 65-year-old former economics professor from the west.

Exit polls last night showed a CDU win in Saxony and a SPD victory in Brandenburg. The reformed Communist Party of Democratic Socialism (PDS) also put in a strong showing, winning 15 per cent in Saxony and 19 per cent in Brandenburg.

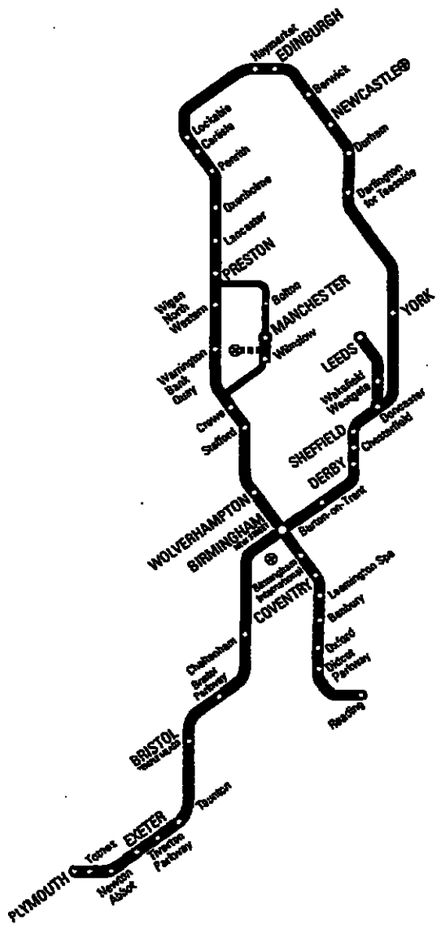
The Chancellor has been boasting that he is no longer pelted with eggs when he visits the east. More and more east Germans take him at his own evaluation, as the father of German unity rather than its betrayer. But there is no solid evidence for his optimism. The last state election in the east, in Saxony-Anhalt, saw the Christian Democrats slip from power.

The success of the PDS is regarded as a real threat by the Chancellor. So, too, is the possibility that the Free Democrats will drop out of the state parliament.

Many of the players in Sunday's state elections had a compromised past, either former Communist party members or even Stasi informants.

The inevitability of blemishes in the political class of the east has, if anything, helped the PDS, which is picking up many young voters disillusioned with mainstream politics.

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Quebec separatists poised for stunning poll victory

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN MONTREAL

PARTI Québecois, which seeks independence for Quebec, is expected to sweep to victory over the ruling Liberal Party in today's elections in the province, raising again the prospect of a divided Canada.

Led by the fiery Jacques Parizeau, who says he is for sovereignty "before, during and after the election", the Péquistes, as they are known, have undertaken to hold a referendum on full sovereignty for Quebec as soon as possible after the election.

A self-proclaimed Anglophile despite his aim of divorcing Quebec from English-speaking Canada, M Parizeau, 64, is quintessentially British. His suits and cigarettes are English, his tipple scotch and his favourite expression "By Jove!". With his bristling grey moustache, his proclaimed love of London, where he earned a doctorate from the London School of Economics, and his pompous demeanour, he is every bit a caricature 1930s upper-class Englishman.

In his politics, however, he is resolutely French, or rather an embodiment of that enduring outpost of Gallic sensibility that is Québecois nationalism. One of the first acts of his government will be a "solemn declaration" in the provincial legislature of "Quebec's wish to accede to full sovereignty". This will be followed, within ten months, by the promised referendum.

But M Parizeau is only one paradox in Quebec. Another is that while the province's eight million people, 85 per cent of them French-speaking, seem certain to vote overwhelmingly for a party dedicated to independence, most of them do not support independence itself. The latest polls indicate that less than 40 per cent are prepared to vote for full sovereignty.

The rest of Canada has observed the run-up to today's election with growing concern.



Parizeau: Anglophile with a French heart

aware that a victory for M Parizeau will, at the very least, provoke months of constitutional wrangling and, at worst, could cut this vast country in two, dividing the maritime provinces of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Prince Edward Island from the rest of English-speaking Canada.

Mr Parizeau and his supporters plan to use the months before a referendum to persuade voters that separatism is not merely viable, but necessary and inevitable. They argue that the federal government is a burden on Quebec, and that the province would be better off alone, without the overlapping jurisdiction of provincial and federal governments.

But the essence of Québecois nationalism lies at a more visceral and psychological level. Many French-speaking inhabitants suffer from a profound sense of insecurity and a perception that their French culture is under immediate threat from the English-speaking majority.

M Parizeau's doughty convictions have brought him to the brink of power, but whether he has the clout to forge a separate state will depend on the bruising months of argument that lie ahead.

British embassy design vetoed

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

MOSCOW city authorities have threatened to scupper one of the Foreign Office's most expensive projects, the building of a new multi-million-pound embassy in the heart of the Russian capital.

Plans for the new building, which is supposed to be inaugurated by the Queen during her visit to Moscow next month, have apparently been rejected by the municipality on the ground that the design would not blend with its surroundings.

The architects commissioned by the Foreign Office are Ahrends, Burton and Koralek, whose modernist designs for the National Gallery extension were once condemned by the Prince of Wales as a "monstrous carbuncle".

The site of the proposed embassy is a vacant lot between two Stalin-era apartment buildings on the Smolenskaya embankment. The area is close to the government headquarters at the White House, scene of last year's siege, and the Foreign Ministry.

A municipality report criticised the proposed building for being too low and said the "wavy profile" of the roof should be dropped. "But even this would not be enough to make this complex fit logically into this part of the river bank," said the document, which is likely to delay the start of construction scheduled for 1996.

Any significant redesigns would also add to the costs, estimated at more than £50 million. Because of security needs, much of the material and the manpower will have to be imported from Britain.

The new US Embassy, near the site of the proposed British mission, is still largely unusable for diplomatic work because so many listening devices were concealed in the foundations by Russian contractors.

Abortion pact near in Cairo

Cairo: With the Vatican and the liberal states claiming victory at the weekend, the population conference was set to reach consensus at the final plenary session today (Michael Binyon writes).

Delegates managed to defuse the abortion row with a compromise given a guarded welcome by the Vatican. The Holy See said it had succeeded in excluding abortion for family planning, while liberal countries said that unsafe abortion was now recognised as a health problem.

Milan clashes

Rome: Twenty-seven people were injured when demonstrators, opposed to the closure of a cultural centre which had become the focal point of opposition to the government of Silvio Berlusconi, clashed with police.

Murder claim

Le Mans: Dany Leprince, 37, a farmer, confessed to the axe murders of his brother, sister-in-law and two nieces, aged ten and seven, near this city in western France after papers showed he owed his brother money, police said. *(Reuter)*

Boesak retreats

Cape Town: Allan Boesak, a black opponent of apartheid, bowed out of front-line African National Congress politics months after being defeated by South Africa's former white rulers. *(Reuter)*

Key to riches

Seoul: A woman who used nearly 2,000 duplicate keys to steal valuables worth £416,000 from locker rooms at public baths has been arrested. The thefts were carried out over two years. *(Reuter)*

Scales of justice

Manila: Judge Maximiano Asunción, "hanging judge" of the Philippines, said that people convicted of capital crimes should wrestle with cobras inside an aquarium open to public gaze. *(AFP)*

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Cuban raft builders race to beat new refugee clampdown

BY DAVID ADAMS IN MIAMI AND GABRIELLA GAMINI

CUBANS packed the shores near Havana at the weekend in a last frantic rush to leave the country before President Castro implements the agreement with America to stop the exodus of Cubans to Florida at *midday tomorrow*.

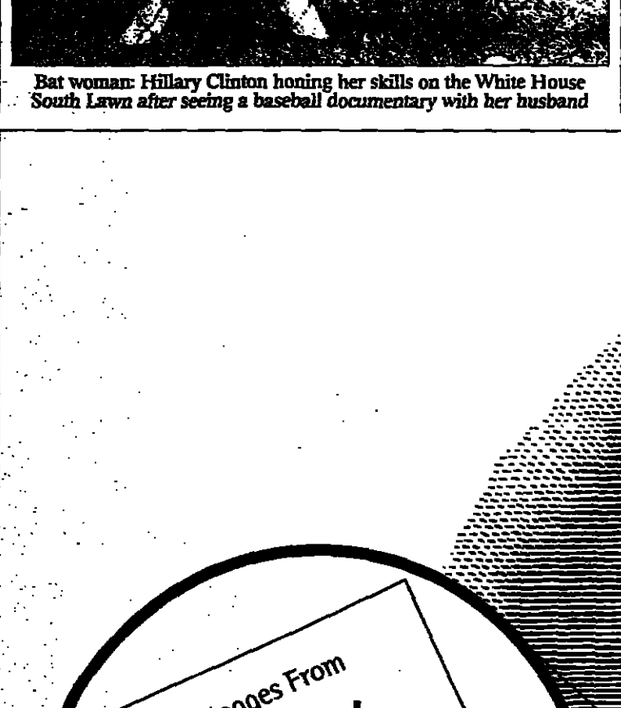
Across the island, at the US *naval base at Guantánamo* Bay, American troops prepared themselves for *riots* by the 30,000 Cuban refugees held there. The Cubans are growing increasingly restless after learning that the agreement, signed in New York last Friday, has left them stranded. Under the agreement, America will accept only 20,000 Cubans a year, but refugees in the Guantánamo camps will have to return to Havana to become eligible.

More than 1,000 "rafters" were picked up from home-made boats and flimsy rafts at the weekend by US Coast Guard vessels patrolling the *Florida Straits*, bringing the total number of known refugees since August 1 to 30,291. Cuba had exploited loose wording on the timing of the new policy in the New York accord to give them a *final* chance to get away.

Yesterday defiant would-be rafters continued to put the *finishing touches to craft* all along the coast near Havana. *"You can't put the brakes on* something like this," one man said. *"If they start taking the* people to jail, there will be a *revolution."* Others were more realistic and predicted that, after *tomorrow's deadline*, police patrols would deter all but the *most foolhardy*.

US officials are becoming concerned that most of the 30,000 refugees at Guantánamo Bay may opt to stay there indefinitely. About 2,500 Cuban refugees jumped barbed-wire fences round their tent camps on Saturday and marched to a US military headquarters demanding to see the commanding officer. Some carried placards with slogans such as "Bill Clinton betrayed us". One refugee was stabbed with a bayonet but not seriously wounded before they were persuaded to return to their camp. "There is so much frustration that it does not take much for it to grow to anger," said Ernest Duplessis, the US Navy spokesman.

At a weekend regional summit, Latin American and Caribbean leaders made their first united call for an end to the American economic embargo of Cuba, insisting that the country's isolation over the years had proved counter-productive. The call was significant because it ends Cuba's isolation from its Latin American neighbours, marking the first time that the 14 Presidents of the Rio Group, who have met every year for the past eight years to talk about regional issues, have taken a firm stand against the blockade.



Guantánamo U S naval base

The declaration also committed the group to strengthening ties with Cuba. "It's the first clear, concrete declaration by the Rio Group on these items," President Frei of Chile said at a closing news conference.

The group's united stand is a reversal from a previously ambivalent attitude to Dr Castro's Communist regime. Last year's Rio Group *summit* failed to make a statement on Cuba because *such countries* as Brazil and Mexico backed Dr Castro while Argentina and Venezuela opposed the *lifting of sanctions*.

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Clinton turns up pressure on Haiti

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

THE Clinton Administration will send an aircraft carrier and command ship to Haiti this week as it makes its final preparations for an invasion by as many as 20,000 troops that could be launched any time after tomorrow week.

The carrier, the nuclear-powered *USS Eisenhower*, will be the most visible element yet of the campaign to scare Haiti's military regime into departing peacefully, but officials were adamant it would be used if necessary.

The carrier's deck will be cleared of its customary warplanes to make room for Army helicopters that will ferry troops and equipment into Haiti when the invasion begins. The *Eisenhower* will be accompanied by the *USS Mount Whitney*, an amphibious command ship that would be the invasion's operational nerve centre.

Contrary to past practice, the Pentagon is making no effort to conceal its preparations which it is under orders to complete by September 20. Last week it announced it was sending 12 large transport ships with weapons, vehicles and supplies to Haiti. It has invited reporters to witness invasion rehearsals in Puerto Rico, and has identified both the forces that will take part and their roles. It still hopes this formidable show of force will make its actual use unnecessary, but that hope is rapidly evaporating.

US intelligence has detected no sign of General Raoul Cedras or Haiti's other military leaders preparing to flee.



Bat woman: Hillary Clinton honing her skills on the White House South Lawn after seeing a baseball documentary with her husband

Pittsburgh crash inquiry finds engine was put into reverse

BY TOM RHODES IN PITTSBURGH AND HARVEY ELLIOTT, AIR CORRESPONDENT

FEDERAL investigators examining the wreckage of the USAir Boeing 737-300, which crashed on Thursday night killing all 132 passengers and crew, now believe that one engine was accidentally *put into reverse*, causing the aircraft to plunge into a wooded ravine *seven miles short of* the runway at Pittsburgh.

Flight 427 had been *en route from* O'Hare International Airport in Chicago to West Palm Beach. The crash was the worst airline disaster in America since 1987. Investigators from the National Transportation Safety Board and the Federal Aviation Administration have discovered that one of six reverse-thrust activators on the right engine had been deployed in the air. Although a thrust reverser did deploy in a Lauda Air 767 a few years ago, stringent checks and new safety procedures seemed to have ruled out any chance of it happening again.

A thrust reverser is effectively a door on either side of the engine which opens to redirect the cold air passing around the engine's central core through the fan outwards and forwards. This deflects about 70 per cent of the aircraft's thrust. To deploy the device the pilot has to pull a lever in front of the throttles. A series of *mechanical locks and computer devices* is designed to prevent accidental deployment. Only when the landing gear is down and the aircraft is on the ground will the electronics allow the thrust reverser to be activated. If somehow the thrust reverser is put into action prematurely, the engine on one side would be pushing the aircraft forwards at normal speed while the other would pull it back. The effect would be for the aircraft to go into a rapid roll and spiral dive. The aircraft's rudder, found turned between four and eight degrees, is also being investigated. Although malfunctioning rudders have never been blamed for a crash of a 737, the theoretical possibility has caused intense investigation since a fatal United Airlines crash in Colorado Springs in 1991, the cause of which remains unsolved.



Boeing 737-300: rudder under investigation

The Pittsburgh investigation has been hampered because a recording of the final moments of the flight broke off 23 seconds before the crash and offered little clue about the cause of the disaster. At the height that the crew of the USAir jet was flying at the time, they would have had little chance of pulling out of the dive as the voice recorder now in the hands of the investigators reveals. A voice from the cockpit said: "Oh ... Oh God ... Traffic emergency ... Oh shit." This was followed by a series of screams and then silence.

Meanwhile, two hangars have been prepared for indentifying the victims, whose remains were scattered over an area the size of two football fields. Many may never be identified. Pittsburgh is today preparing for an emotional memorial service to honour the dead, the majority of whom lived in the city and its suburbs.

Two chief executives and scores of other managers from local companies died in the crash. The Weaver family, Earl, Kathleen and their three children, all perished. They were returning from a funeral for the nine-year-old son of Mrs Weaver's brother, who had died of an acute asthma attack.

"It is just so terrifying to think that a few days ago everything was status quo," said Cathy Orient, a neighbour in the prosperous Upper St Clair suburb of Pittsburgh. "And now there is nobody left."

Foolish finale mars brilliant gem theft

BY BEN MACINTYRE

A WORD of advice to aspiring thieves: if you steal some of the world's most valuable and recognisable jewellery from the most famous jeweller in New York, do not try to sell it in Times Square.

A week after nearly $2 million (£1.3 million) worth of jewellery, watches and other trinkets was looted from Tiffany's, the Fifth Avenue jewellers, the alleged thieves were arrested after trying to sell their loot in broad daylight for a fraction of its value.

The police described the break-in at Tiffany's as brilliant and the attempt to sell the proceeds as idiotic.

By yesterday morning six men had been arrested, including a security supervisor and a guard at Tiffany's, and most of the 457 stolen bracelets, necklaces, watches and rings had been retrieved.

The robbery was so efficient that the police suspected immediately that it was an inside job. Two armed men gained entry to the building with the help of a security guard, according to the police; once inside, they tied up security guards, rifled four display cases, and before leaving extracted the surveillance videotapes that had recorded the robbery.

The robbers' next move, however, was exceptionally stupid. A few days after the robbery, the police were tipped off that a man was trying to sell a Tiffany's bracelet worth $6,000 for just $300 on a street corner in Harlem. More of the stolen jewellery reappeared in Times Square, just a short walk from Tiffany's.

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Images from a city at war that the rest of the world forgot



A Kabul family making the best of the available man-powered transport in their shattered city



Muhammad Shakir, bodybuilder and soldier, training his rocket-propelled grenade launcher on an enemy position

Afghan factions exact bloody price from the children of Kabul



Photo-journalist ***Adrian Brooks*** *reports on the harsh cost of Afghanistan's civil war, summed up in the plight of the nation's young*

Several rockets landed yesterday in government-held north Kabul, killing a child and badly injuring several others as they played in the street.

The survivors were taken to the government-controlled Indira Gandhi children's hospital where up to 200 young victims of the interminable civil war are being treated. Nearly all their injuries have been sustained from indiscriminate shelling, mortar fire and rockets.

It was just an average day in Kabul, the lingering legacy of the Cold War. The International Committe of the Red Cross estimates that since January 1 this year, when the present round of fighting broke out, more than 4,000 people have been killed and 30,000 injured. In one ten-day period last month, the Red Cross estimated that 100 people were killed and 900 injured. The conflict is producing as many victims today as it did before the Soviet withdrawal in February 1989 when, for the rest of the world, the war in Afghanistan ended. Estimates in total are of 15,000 dead and 80,000 wounded.

More than half of Kabul has been destroyed, with parts of the Old City on the front line resembling the slums of Dresden after the Allied bombing. Hundreds of thousands of people have been displaced and made homeless, some several times over.

The civilians bear the brunt of the lust for power being played out between the various factions primarily made up of the government Tajik forces of President Rabbani and Ahmed Shah Massoud and their Pathan opponents, Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, the Prime Minister, and General Abdul Rashid Dostum. Neither side is short of weapons, with vast stockpiles left over from the Soviet withdrawal.

It is in the hospitals of Kabul that the human cost of this conflict can be counted. In the Indira Gandhi hospital lie hundreds of broken bodies who have known nothing but war in their brief lives.

Most of the windows have been blown out by the 80 or more rounds that have hit the hospital since January, despite the huge Red Cross flags that cover the side of the building. Families sit around the beds fanning away the flies that swarm in.

Lying in the orthopaedic ward, Shokira, seven, stares silently into space, clutching a plastic blue-eyed doll, her mother Shajan watching anxiously beside her. Two weeks ago a rocket hit their home near the airport in northwest Kabul, killing her brother Ramin, one, and injuring her three other brothers. She has had one leg amputated below the knee and shrapnel removed from her right foot. Next to her lies Mojan, also seven, who was shot in the foot two weeks ago while going out to buy some ice cream with her two sisters. She has had several toes amputated.

Outside in a corridor, Fantana, 13, sits waiting in a wheelbarrow to see a doctor, her leg encased in plaster. The hospital does not have enough trollies or wheelchairs and has to do the best it can to move patients about. FIve weeks ago, Fantana was on her way to the market in the east of the city with her twin brother, Romish, when one of the hundreds of rockets that are fired by each side exploded next to them. Fantana remembers nothing of the blast which blew her brother's head off. The hospital gets two hours of electricity a day from a generator. There is no running water and a dangerous lack of basic medical supplies after the destruction of government stockpiles in a rocket attack last month.

Muhammad Yasin, deputy head of nursing, said: "Our lack of oxygen has resulted in the unnecessary deaths of many, and we desperately need more antiseptics and antibiotics, gauze and general medicines." The moans of a child in pain lead to Ward B where Hakim Jhan, 12, lies swathed in bandages, a tube draining frothy red blood from his chest. He shares his bed with his cousin Jaweed, seven. Both were badly injured that morning by shrapnel from a rocket as they played in the street near their temporary home.

The most harrowing side-effects of the war are to be found in Ward A, where Dr Noor Arzoir treats malnourished children. In the past six months he has seen more than 1,500 cases, 10 per cent of them classed as severe.

The cost of food in Kabul has gone beyond the reach of many people, who have already sold any valuables to raise money. The Red Cross has not been able to get a food convoy into the city for two months and has had to stop food distribution. The last World Food Programme convoy was said to have been looted on its way to Kabul last week.



Traditionally dressed women going about the ordinary business of keeping families alive in extraordinary times

There is some food, smuggled in by bicycle and donkey, finding its way into the city but not into the mouths of many. Ramish, seven months, semi-conscious and weighing only 6½ lb, grips his mother's finger. An intravenous drip leads into his skeletal arm, slowly reversing the effects of a diet that consisted only of cheap milk powder. In a bed near by, Shekiba, two, clings to life, her emaciated body watched over by her mother Amena, 20. Her condition owes as much to the lack of food as to the ignorance of her mother. Amena comes from Parwan province, north of Kabul, and like many others has never received any health education. Her child has never been immunised. She breastfed her baby from birth and brought her to hospital only when she weighed a little under 9lb: a normal weight would be about two stone.

The hospital sits in front of a high hill from which government forces fire across the city, and is vulnerable to any return of fire that falls short.

There has been no schooling in Kabul for more than a year, and young people are instead learning warfare and survival. Habibullah, 16, holds a government position in the ruins of the Baricot cinema on the front line, proudly clutching his AK47. "I have taken part in much fighting in the past year and I have no fear of killing the enemy. I am not frightened. God will save us." His words are echoed by his friend, Muhammad Shakir, 20, a body-builder whose strength allows him to wield with ease a heavy rocket-propelled grenade launcher. During lulls in the fighting, people return to reclaim posessions or try to repair their homes. Muhammad Shafi and his son, Masood, are busy on the roof of the broken remains of their house in the Old City where they have lived for 25 years. They were made homeless in the heavy fighting in January and returned to find it looted and a stronghold for the government Mujahidin.

Some of the displaced families are living in a former girls' school in the northwest of the city which houses 900 people, crammed into the dingy rundown building. Water comes from an outside well and one lavatory block serves for all.



Shokira, seven, recovering from an amputation after a rocket attack, in which her infant brother died

Interior walls are blackened with soot from open fires, and the coming winter will mean yet further hardship. A typical room is divided into two by blankets which give a little privacy. A 12ft by 12ft space houses a family of ten.

With the staff of the United Nations, which says that conditions in Kabul are too dangerous, forced to retreat to Pakistan last January, the Red Cross is the only international organisation still operating and giving some hope to the desperate people on both sides.

Peter Stocker, the head of delegation, says: "For peace in Afghanistan there needs to be a professional UN-political presence and for other countries to leave it alone. I am sure it is not going to happen." As if in answer, a rocket slams into the building sending a shower of shrapnel against the sandbagged windows.

The British Red Cross is re-launching its appeal for aid this week. The address for donations is: Afghanistan Appeal, British Red Cross, Room 757, Freepost, London SW1X7BR

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Rabin calls on Assad to sanction Golan talks

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

YITZHAK Rabin, the Prime Minister of Israel, called on President Assad of Syria yesterday to sanction secret peace talks, as moves towards a deal over the future of the occupied Golan Heights gathered new momentum after months in the doldrums.

The Israeli demand, reflecting the success achieved during the unpublicised talks with the Palestine Liberation Organisation in Norway, came as the government took the unusual step of publicly praising a speech by the Syrian leader outlining his conditions for peace.

Fearing that the 32 Jewish settlements on the Golan will eventually be handed over, more than half the 13,000 residents staged a militant mass rally there on Saturday night and launched a new campaign of civil disobedience which will centre round a hunger strike by eight of their leaders.

The ruling Labour Party headed by Mr Rabin is in disarray over the sudden moves towards a peace deal based on a staged Israeli pullout from the Golan over three years. Led by Avigdor Kahalani, a popular former war hero, some hawkish Labour deputies have vowed to wage a political battle to keep the Golan — occupied since 1967 — under Israeli control.

Eight of the Labour deputies led by Mr Kahalani, who was the star attraction at the Golan protest rally, have joined in an initiative to ensure that at least 70 of the 120 members of the Knesset would have to approve of any territorial concessions on the strategic plateau. At present Mr Rabin is governing with a coalition that commands only 61 seats in the parliament, which is to be recalled tomorrow from its Jewish new year recess for an emergency debate on the crisis over peace talks with Syria.

Yesterday Shimon Peres, the Foreign Minister and joint architect with Mr Rabin of Israel's peace drive, hailed remarks made by President Assad to the Syrian parliament on Saturday in which he called for full Israeli withdrawal from the Golan but expressed his willingness to work for peace.

Mr Peres told Israel radio that he was encouraged by the general tone of the Syrian leader's remarks to the Damascus assembly. The remarks came after Mr Rabin's explosive disclosure last week that Israel had proposed a two-stage pullback from the Golan similar to that from the occupied Sinai that secured peace with Egypt in 1979.

The Prime Minister has been careful never to disclose publicly how much of the land Israel is prepared to hand back. But the settlers are convinced from information they have received from his own office that he has promised privately to give it all back after an initial three-year test period.

"He (President Assad) said he has a strategy of peace and there were more than hints that he understands peace truly means peace, that is to say normalisation of relations," Mr Peres said. "From this standpoint, there is an achievement."

☐ **Settler freed:** Baruch Ben Yussef, an extreme right-wing settler, was freed yesterday after six months in jail but put under house arrest in Haifa for another three months. He was put in administrative detention — custody without trial — after 29 Muslims were massacred in a Hebron mosque in February. *(AFP)*

Versatile star Tandy came late in life to Hollywood fame

American theatre loses grand old lady

BY JOHN RUSSELL TAYLOR

IT IS always simpler for actors who do only one thing in one place to be recognised as stars. It was not so much Jessica Tandy's versatility that impeded her as the fact that there were so many different strands to her professional life.

Only those able to see her regularly on the American stage could hope to get the measure of her, and even they were taken by surprise when suddenly *Driving Miss Daisy* made her a national institution.

At first glance it seemed like an odd place for her to end up. After all, the most famous role she had previously played was Blanche DuBois in the first production of *A Streetcar Named Desire*, which was far from ensuring that when her most famous vehicle was filmed she would get the role. If it did not happen to Tallulah Bankhead or Ethel Merman, it certainly was not going to happen to Jessica Tandy — not when Vivien Leigh was waiting in the wings.

Luckily, as well as being a stage star in her own right, Miss Tandy was half of a team. Never so famous as the legendary Lunts, she and her husband Hume Cronyn, very nearly equalled them as the years went by. So often plays called for married talents, and once the first flush of youth was gone, films increasingly needed Darby-and-Joan pairings. Indeed, the Cronyns seemed to gain in force as they grew older; over and over they appeared somewhere near the centre of films, playing that nice old couple round the corner, or occasionally those sinister old people who remained suspiciously hale and hearty while everyone else faints and fails.

It is all too easy for individual talents to get submerged in these cosy collaborations. Sometimes Miss Tandy's did. Even in 1963, when she turns up as Tippi Hedren's mother in Hitchcock's epic of ornithological revolt, *The Birds*, it was a trivial pursuit sort of inquiry expecting the answer "No, really!" to ask how many realised that the understandably distraught elderly lady had in fact been the first Blanche DuBois.

Driving Miss Daisy changed all that. Miss Tandy had always been famed for her natural authority and crisp diction as well as her power to move audiences. The dictatorial old lady who does the unimaginable by actually befriending her black chauffeur and, against all her traditional codes, recognising him as her equal in many and superior in some things, offered a perfect opportunity for her to show what she could do on her own account, and she took it triumphantly.

A long way from Blanche DuBois perhaps, but Tennessee Williams always said that Blanche was a survivor and soon after the play was over would have got everything together, married her gentleman caller and settled down.

Tandy's death, page 1



Jessica Tandy, star of the film *Driving Miss Daisy*, who died yesterday, aged 85



Tandy: in a scene from *The Glass Menagerie*

Carey tells Chinese to challenge society

BY RUTH GLEDHILL
RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

CHRISTIANS in China must be prepared where necessary to challenge the values of their society, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey, said early today. Addressing the Nanjing theological seminary at the start of his two-week visit, Dr Carey said that Chinese Christians must use styles of evangelism different from those used in Britain and America.

Speaking in a country where church is often seen as an escape from the pressures of daily living and an opportunity for personal meditation and growth, Dr Carey urged Christians to "see society with the eyes of Christ".

He said: "There is no social policy, whether it is to do with education, health, the economy or the fair distribution of resources, that lies outside the interests of the Christian faith."

Evangelism and pastoral care would be concerned with the values of society as a whole, he said. "Sometimes these values can be affirmed and welcomed; sometimes they must be questioned and challenged; but Christians will always want to measure them against the gospel values of Jesus Christ."

Responsible evangelism had to take the culture into account. "What might work in North America may not work here; and what is authentic to Britain may not be true of China," he said. Dr Carey is in China, where about 1 per cent of the population is Christian, as a guest of the China Christian Council, a federation of Protestant bodies.

In 1989 Bishop K. H. Ting, the president of the Christian council, supported the student pro-democracy movement in Peking in May, but after June that year the council followed the government line on the Tiananmen Square massacre.

☐ **Hong Kong:** The *Eastern Express*, part of the largest newspaper group here, has sacked Steve Vines, its British chief editor, after nine months.

UN rights chief in Rwanda resigns

FROM REUTER
IN KIGALI

THE head of the United Nations team investigating the massacre of about one million people in Rwanda has resigned, colleagues said yesterday.

It was not clear why Karen Kenny left, but colleagues and human rights groups said that her team had not been given the means to do its job. They said news of her resignation had weakened further the morale of the four officials grappling with the task of monitoring human rights abuses.

Their work is crucial in reassuring millions of Hutu refugees who have fled Rwanda and are frightened to return because their historic Tutsi enemies now hold power in Kigali. The UN group holds a brief to monitor any reprisals or abuses by the new government.

The team is undermanned, underfunded and underequipped, they said. It has no transport and no communications. Despite frequent promises of additional assistance and funding from UN headquarters and the High Commissioner for Human Rights, little has materialised to help what the UN's special representative in Rwanda, Shahayar Khan, has called "top-priority" work.

Rene Degni-Segui, the UN special investigator on human rights abuses in Rwanda, last month proposed sending up to 200 experts to help calm ethnic tensions and report back on the massacres. Another 25 monitors were expected this month. Two have arrived.

☐ **Goma:** The UN issued emergency safety guidelines to all foreign aid workers in eastern Zaire yesterday after violent clashes in Rwandan refugee camps left up to ten people dead and scores injured. The regulations call for aid workers to travel only in groups, keep the security channel on their radios always open, park vehicles for quick departure, and not to run in panic. *(AP)*

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Will dear old Butlins be rescued from a world in which genteel sleaze and suburban soft-pornography have become the norm?

Strange vibrations from the Redcoats



LIBBY PURVES

Cliff Richard is gutted, and says that society has lost its way. Terry Major-Ball says it is a tragic shame. Lady Butlin, widow of Sir Billy, says: "My late husband would not have approved, and nor do I."

For it was revealed at the weekend, as Butlins approaches its 60th birthday, that the holiday empire has undergone a personal crisis. Like so many fun-loving old gents, it has lost its sense of decorum, forgotten its age and family responsibilities, and taken up with a gang of rude dancers. After years of blameless links with the Scouts and the Salvation Army, it has got involved with sex-aid manufacturers and drag artistes. It remains to be seen whether wise old Lady Butlin can talk the old boy round, but I doubt it.

What has happened is that the five *Butlins* holiday camps — sorry, Holiday Worlds — after their recent rejuvenation by the Rank Organisation and their success in pulling in big gatherings like Christian Easter rallies, have begun to fill winter gaps by offering "Adult Only" breaks. Leaving the kiddies behind, for £49 a head guests may spend a weekend getting stimulus from the Ann Summers Experience, a rude conjurer ("I suppose he pulls condoms from a hat instead of a rabbit," huffed Terry Major-Ball to *The Sunday Telegraph*) and such stage acts as the Sunday Sport Dancers, Sex on Legs, and Lily Savage, who is actually a bloke in a platinum wig. So hello campers. We are not talking "saucy" here, not innocent Donald McGill giggles: the word "adult" signals something closer to soft pornography.

We are not told how the Redcoats feel: it must be a culture shock to change their breezy persona for a slinky one. Do they line them up in the famous Butlins training sessions, tell them to forget, temporarily, their squeaky-clean manners, and coach them in bottom-pinching? And for heaven's sake, what kind of competitions are the Redcoats going to organise? Knobbly knees will clearly not satisfy a public crazed by Ann Summers, not *now* that Grannies are not only Glamorous but goers, too. And will the cleaning crews do an extra-careful check of the chalet drawers before the next lot of Scouts arrive?

They say that the weekends are a success. And I have to admit that I am not surprised. Because, over the last few decades of covert sidelong glances, I have noticed an interesting convergence of soft porn and suburban gentility. Sex — even sex outside marriage, sex as a hobby, sex with bizarre variations — has stopped being synonymous with an antisocial lack of control. No longer does it carry an aura of criminality and dissipation, disease and ruin. It has come indoors, to stand next to the basketwork donkey. Look at the sex shops, now brightly lit and antiseptically clean, with smiling assistants discussing new model vibrators as if they worked in Halfords. Look at the saga of Mrs Cynthia Payne, who catered for all sorts of oddity, but insisted on drawing-room manners when she served the tea.

Look at all those contact magazines and newsletters. Their tone is of a brisk, sociable, well-organised gentility, their heartland down in commuter-couple country, taxpaying, home-owning Essex or Surrey. "Desmond and Denise have their own well-equipped dungeon and would love to meet other couples or hetero/bi singles", or "Norman and Jean, video enthusiasts, ac/dc, *interested in* exhibition evenings and waterplay with congenial company", they say.

You know that the leather and chrome in the back-bedroom dungeon are polished by Denise, that any malfunctions of the whirlpool bath will be seen to by Desmond's well-organised socket set, and that Norman catalogues the videos in a Regency-style *veneer cabinet*.

You also know that whenever some TV documentary producer wants a kinky couple to interview, he will find one: the husband sporting a self-conscious little moustache, the wife a blonde bouffant, exactly like contestants on *Come Dancing*, circa 1963. They will neutralise the outrageousness of what they say (conveniently for the TV producer) by talking like trainspotters on Valium. They are bland sexual hobbyists, products of an age which grew up without either the fear of hell or the fear of VD. Curiously, Aids encouraged their kind of fun rather than the converse, since it made weird sex respectable because it was "safe", and got even the Thatcher Government sending out explicit leaflets.

So there they are: well-organised pleasure-seekers, who like a nice rude show provided the carpets have been properly Hoovered: who would never go to Soho but might rig up a dungeon in their own home. They, and their neighbours (Robbie and Pam, PVC fun) were just waiting for Butlins to come up with something suitable, and here it is.

The trouble is, compared with one fully-dressed glance across a room from someone you really long for, none of it is actually sexy at all.

A writer's lost love

Peter Ackroyd tells **Julia Llewellyn Smith** of his pain over the death of his companion

Having lunch with Peter Ackroyd is like running the 100 metres with Linford Christie. While you are shaking out your napkin, he is half-way through his main course: before you can sip the wine, he is calling for another bottle: by the time you have lifted your fork, he has grabbed another cigarette and blowing great clouds across the busy restaurant.

He talks like he lunches, spitting out the aphorisms like discarded chicken bones, giggling like a broken clockwork toy. "Everything to extremes," he cries. "Drinking, eating, working. I get obsessive. I have been like this since I was a kid. 'The road of excess leads to the palace of wisdom,' said Blake. Not that I'm particularly wise, but I'm still on the road."

All the same, it has been a productive journey. Over the past 12 years Ackroyd, 44, has produced eight novels and two biographies of T.S. Eliot and Dickens. For the past eight years he has been the chief literary critic of *The Times*.

His latest novel *Dan Leno and the Limehouse Golem* is published today, his biography of Blake has just been delivered to the publishers and his obsessions have moved on. "Now I'm writing about Thomas Moore. I'm fascinated by him and the death of Catholic England and I'm writing a novel called *Milton in America*. It's about Milton fleeing from Protestant persecution and setting up a colony in New England and it all goes horribly wrong."

No change, then, from the standard Ackroyd format of fiction based on historical fact and of biography studded with imaginative interludes. *Dickens* infuriated the purists with its invented passages of dialogue between the writer and his biographer, which were later removed in the paperback. *Dan Leno* has already maddened some critics, because it blends real characters such as Karl Marx, the novelist George Gissing and Leno himself, the star of the 19th-century music hall, against a made-up background of a series of gruesome murders, which supposedly terrified Limehouse in east London in the autumn of 1880.

The novel is a string of double bluffs and Ackroyd is delighted by the number of people he has conned. "Did you guess the ending?" he asks. "One girlfriend of mine missed it completely, even after she'd read the denouement she didn't understand." I thought the murders had really happened, I say. "Oh *Julia*! You didn't! Oh, tee hee."

There is nothing he loves more than to dazzle and confuse. Dan Leno stunned music hall audiences by slipping from character into character; Dickens zigzagged from comedy to tragedy. Ackroyd sees himself as their inheritor, the latest in a line of Cockney visionaries (his words). His inspiration is London in its infinite variety, his aim is to tackle the grand spectacle of humanity rather than the psychology of individuals.

He is notorious for revelling in public history, but refusing to dwell on his own origins, which he says have no bearing on his writing. "Hee-hee-hee, I can't help my books. Some ink-spotted creature in my study wrote them." He will talk about the past — clever little boy from a west-London council estate who won a scholarship to Cambridge and gained a double first — but with constant contradictions. "Did you feel out of place at Cambridge?" I ask. "No, nooo, not at all, how silly," he scoffs. Two minutes later he is saying: "I have loved everything in my life, apart from Cambridge. I felt out of place there. I didn't know the right people. I had a slightly funny accent and I trained myself out of it." Now he speaks in a refined, whispery lisp.



Brian Kuhn — he died only three weeks ago

Sometimes Ackroyd is trying it on, but most of the time he is putting on a brave face, knowing that self-analysis could lead fatally into self-pity. "I hate talking about myself. I'm a London boy. London people tend to be unsentimental, pushy, ambitious, like Dickens."

Ackroyd needs to keep a tighter grip on himself than most. Only three weeks ago, his companion, Brian Kuhn, whom he lived with for 22 years, died of Aids. He was 42 and he had been ill for four years. "Just a few days before he died he had been singing in the bath," says Ackroyd, fumbling for another cigarette. "He had been a body builder and at the end he weighed five stone."

None of this prevents Ackroyd from being witty and kind to me and those around us or from looking immaculate in black Armani and a white sports shirt. He is not sick. "People ring up and say 'Are you all right?' and they don't mean emotionally. But I'm perfectly healthy as you can tell."

Still, everything is changing. He will sell his house in Devon where Brian died, alone with their terrier, Dickens, and he will also sell his penthouse in Notting Hill. "My street is like a very dead row of sarcophagi." He is looking for a house in Clerkenwell, the setting of his novel *The House of Doctor Dee*, or possibly in Soho. He can afford it, although he claims he can't; his book deal with Sinclair Stevenson made publishing history. "Although it wasn't for £5 million, as they've been saying. Nothing of the kind. I'll tell you exactly how much it is, it's £1.24 million over ten years, to produce eight books, four fiction and four non-fiction. It sounds a lot, but it's not really."

He knows exactly what he will write about. "Next I will do Shakespeare, then Defoe, then Turner. All London visionaries." The discipline of work, mixed with large quantities of drink are, he says, what keep him going. The money is largely irrelevant, most of it went on Brian. They had a swimming pool in Dorset, when Ackroyd can't swim and a black BMW, when Ackroyd can't drive. "I gave him a stable home, I gave him a salary. But his main theme was me. I'm not being vainglorious but he loved me. If it hadn't been for him I wouldn't have written a word. I'd be in the gutter, I promise you. I'm such an extreme person. I had a nervous breakdown in 1988 which he nursed me through. It sounds terrible now, but he once said 'I'd die for you.'"

And would Ackroyd have *died for Brian? He shakes his* head. "Because I'm quite a hard person and there was something else that was bigger than both of us and that was my work. I lived for that and Brian lived for me."

Yet Brian's mortality was the inspiration for many of Ackroyd's pet themes of *ghosts, of reincarnation* and of time as something fluid. We are on the third bottle when he tells me how eight years ago he saw Brian's guardian angel leave his body, bend over him and sigh. "Then I knew something was wrong."

Equally, his belief that history is circular has been the biggest comfort. "Don't you think I'm a clever person? Well, I am. Very clever. And I believe death is the beginning.

"I don't fear death now because I watched him die. You can approach it with great dignity and great celebration. We both knew it was leading to something else."

His lip twitches under his moustache, as he calls for more coffee and wine, but the next minute he is laughing again. "Life is marvellous isn't it?" he cries. "I have never really been bored. It's a sin against the Holy Ghost. There's always something so fascinating, isn't there? If you don't let these things destroy you, they can only make you stronger." Dan Leno knew that the show had to go on, and Ackroyd would never fail to carry out his inheritance.

● *Dan Leno and the Limehouse Golem is published by Sinclair-Stevenson, price £14.99.*

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Ackroyd — "I'm a London boy. London people tend to be unsentimental, pushy, ambitious"

Can Tiddles turn out artistic masterpieces?

Giles Coren wonders if feline art will ever really come up to scratch

AT first glance, *A Little Lavish Leaping* strikes the eye as just an abstract painting that seeks to challenge the boundaries traditionally imposed on the painter by his canvas. It is a procession of bold down-strokes in pink and black that begins on the left of a sheet of card and then "leaps" across it onto the wall on which it is mounted.

It was painted by a Formal Expansionist. A Formal Expansionist called Misty. Misty is a cat.

The picture is one of many examples of non-primate art reproduced in *Why Cats Paint: A Theory of Feline Aesthetics*, published this month by Weidenfeld & Nicolson (£9.99). Tracing cat-painting from its origins in ancient Egypt and seeking to explain the phenomenon in terms of feline marking behaviour, the book profiles 11 contemporary cat artists, showing them at work and describing their different techniques.

There is Tiger, a Spontaneous Reductionist who insists on destroying his own work. There is the Neo-Synthesist, Ginger, whose art is confined to the more familiar feline outlet of wallpaper-scratching. And there is Princess, an Elemental Fragmentist who revels in painting disrespectful portraits of dogs.

This may all sound rather silly, another example of the modern art world shooting itself in the foot. But a change in the way art, qua socio-economic product, has been viewed over the past years seems to have created an outlet for the artist, qua cat. In America, that is.

At The National Portrait Gallery in London a spokesman admitted: "I can't really imagine a painting by a cat being exhibited here." And the Tate Gallery said: "It would be impossible to comment without seeing the pictures."

The pictures would no doubt impress them. One critic, describing *Reflections* by a tabby called Pepper, wrote: "What is immediately engaging is the aspect of self-image as represented by the detail of his tabby markings, not as they relate to the labyrinth of wider fur patterns but set apart, in clinical isolation where examination can be decontextualized."

It is not only critical acclaim that is being lavished on feline art, but also an awful lot of money. The *Wongtu* triptych painted by duo Wong Wong and Lulu was sold at auction for $19,000.

Cat-fanciers who are not interested in art or money will be fascinated by other revelations: couch-scratching and mouse-baiting, for example, turn out to be legitimate means of artistic expression. One gruesome picture is captioned: "Radar prepares a mouse for one of his nocturnal installations. These sometimes involve the use of stairs to create interesting spatial juxtapositions."

The art critic John Russell Taylor was not impressed. "This is cat-favouritism," he told me. "Dogs paint as well, but they tend to be more secretive about it — mine paints in a pastiche baroque style. It has been suggested that Rover should exhibit under a feline pseudonym in order to get on this bandwagon, but he will exhibit as a dog — or not at all."

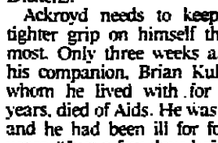


Princess caught in a moment of abstraction

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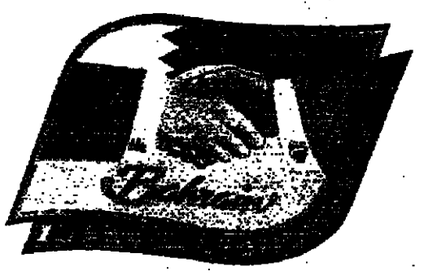
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'I think there is a real feeling of optimism in the fashion industry. A genuine mood of excitement. Dickins & Jones are part of that," says Glenda Bailey, the editor of *Marie Claire*. "I'm passionate about fashion, so any retailer making fashion more accessible is great."

Bailey has good reason to be feeling confident. It takes a certain confidence to sit in a window of a department store on one of London's busiest thoroughfares. Which is exactly where you will find her today in a mocked-up version of her office in one of a number of displays she and her team have created at Dickins & Jones, Regent Street. The window is part of the celebrations to mark the unveiling by the House of



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Fraser group of a £3.5million makeover of its flagship store.

Another woman who will be celebrating will be the general manager, Jill Strieder, who joined the company at the beginning of the year. Strieder has been responsible for the new look. And what a new look it is. Since March, 300 workman have worked around the clock completely refurbishing the store, inside and out.

Even before you walk through the doors, the change is remarkable. The façade has been stripped of its rather drab 1970s mosaic frieze, revealing the original 1928 architecture underneath.

Inside, the transformation continues. The lift shafts at the centre of the store have been removed, creating a central well with ballustrades and pillars.

A year ago, radical refurbishments were carried out on the ground floor. A contemporary fashion area was given more emphasis, including a Hot Shop featuring directional fashion items, and Hobbs's first concession within a store. The Theatre Café was installed. "We got a lot of young trade coming in from Argyll Street," says Strieder. "Happily, it seems to have spread through the store."

The revamp was no doubt prompted by cut-throat competition. Nearby, Liberty and Fenwick have both made radical changes to keep pace with fashion's all-consuming need for something new.

Strieder is aware that at the start of the 1990s Dickins & Jones was sadly lacking bite. It had become a haven for the out-of-town, day-tripping shopper who wanted clothes which wouldn't scare the horses back home, or just somewhere to plump down for tea.

Utilising Strieder's fashion flair, Dickins & Jones intends to reposition itself right back at fashion's epicentre. Without losing sight of its existing customer, a new profile is being sought. Two types have been referred to by the House of Fraser MD, Andrew Jennings, as "Ms Dickins and Mrs Jones".

What they have done is to increase the men's and women'swear fashion ranges, introducing new labels. Genny Way, Bazar by Christian Lacroix, Joseph, Amanda Wakeley, Mulberry, Timberland, V2, and Roland Kléin among them.

"The new look has managed to make the store much more fashionable, with new exciting labels, but accessible at the same time," says Bailey.

Strieder is keen to emphasise the importance of a user-friendly shopping environment. The concept of personal shopping is hugely successful in America but is sadly lacking in most British stores. Strieder intends to change that. "We have a wonderful vendeuse from Parisis who will be installed in a plush fitting room," she says. "This is a big growth area for us. Customers feel great kudos from being invited to view the upcoming collections and place their orders for the following year."

Such innovative ideas spearhead the House of Fraser group's long-term plan to update and improve stores around the country. It is also a sign of times changing for the better, with a revitalised upswing in fashion retailing.

Will Bailey go back and shop at the store after her stint as a living, breathing shop-window mannequin. "They won't be able to keep me away," she says.



Top left: stone wool V-necked tunic, £199; black velour pants, £115, MaxMara

Top right: grey tweedy jacket, £325; white cotton shirt, £155; marl knit tank-top, £95; grey flannel trousers, £149, Genny Way. Brown leather belt, from a selection

Right: grey chunky knitted cardigan, £135; grey wool fitted poloneck; silver-grey satin shorts, £95, Betty Jackson. Silver-grey tights £8.95, Hue. Silver-grey shoes, £89.50, Russell & Bromley, selected branches (071-629 6903)

Above: Black crêpe satin long dress £567, Caroline Charles

All clothes from Dickens & Jones, 224/244 Regent Street, London, W1 (071-734 7070)

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HOTLINE

LAST Thursday Martin Margiela showed his current collection on a global scale. Margiela stockists in important cities hosted identical presentations in which women, 12 from each city, were invited to model an outfit. Throughout the evening the lights were dimmed and a thunderous soundtrack played. In London the cool set gathered, *en masse*, at Joseph's Fulham Road emporium, to view the offbeat spectacle. Threatening to up-stage the event was stylist Debbi Mason's young daughter, who looked fantastic in red tartan trews and white net tutu.

● *Paul Smith has expanded his Covent Garden empire* with a new jeanswear shop. The site, at 9-11 Langley Court, is next to Smith's other venture, R. Newbold, which stocks classic English workwear. Set on two levels and covering more than 2,000sq ft, the new shop holds the seasonal PS range and entire jeans collection. To commemorate the opening there is a limited-edition pair of jeans priced at £150. The existing site in Floral Street, *unable to cope with the increase in demand, will now* stock the childrenswear line.

● Mulberry has long created traditional outdoor clothing with a twist, and this autumn sees the launch of the All Weather range. Traditional classics have been given a redesign using new high-performance fabrics and *finishes. The All Weather Collection is available* exclusively at Harvey Nichols, Knightsbridge, SW1.

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■ We English are marvellous at crime; perhaps I should admire Robbie for being such an excellent cheat

Perhaps I should start by describing Robbie — I call him "Robbie" because his real name had better not be disclosed. I know nobody called Robbie.

The name would suit him, though: a man in his late twenties, likeable, winsome, and very good-looking. He is also a total good-*for-nothing and a friend*.

I have known Robbie for years, ever since as a youth he offered to do some clerical work for me. He never finished it, took the money anyway, and managed to stay on good terms. I don't know how: charm, *I suppose*. But he never fooled me. You could say I found him attractive, but as Robbie has always been a compulsive and obvious womaniser I never had any hopes there. You could not quite accuse him of leading men on; or, rather, you could not quite identify how he does it.

Robbie has dark eyes and an earnest, adoring stare. He speaks softly, hangs back from conversation, and seems to be rather shy. He has led more than one woman cruelly astray. Two women — good, worthwhile people — have become quite infatuated.

Yet Robbie has never offered any reason to believe in him. He has never held down a job for long, repays loans only in hope of securing larger ones, seldom keeps appointments and never really puts himself out for others. Robbie is one of those people who would not refuse to do the washing-up, but is somehow never there when there is washing-up to be done.

He lies or charms his way out of all censure, for with Robbie's selfishness comes the sweetest of natures. He is never unpleasant, pushy or aggressive. Like so many born tricksters, he exhibits a sort of vulnerability: you want to help and believe in him although you know you shouldn't. He has successfully traded on this all through his twenties.

But when I saw him the other day he was worried. Working as a barman in the West End, he was finding the pay too little, the pace too fast, and the opportunities for fiddling the till too modest for his needs. He had just decided not to marry yet another woman. Twenty-nine is a difficult age when you have no education, no training, no home and no career. He knows he is at a crossroads. He asked my advice. I said I'd think about it.

I have been, all week, and to my continuing dismay I cannot but think the unthinkable. I think Robbie should be either a professional gigolo, or a seriously-bent croupier, or a fully fledged confidence trickster. I think he should come to terms with his inate wickedness, and make a real career of it.

You raise your eyebrows? Well, we're all put on this Earth to do something, aren't we? If it is true — if there is any meaning in the thought — that God made some of us to be musicians, some to be composers and some carpenters: some to command and others to obey; some to paint, some to *dig and some to sew*... then did He not make some people to be criminals, too? Can we not look into our own natures, examine our own talents, and see that there are some things we were just made to be, and some things we were never made to be? I do believe that Robbie will never prosper in any honest job. He has no secret desire to be worthwhile. I submit that if you take a deep, candid look into Robbie's soul, you must conclude that he is wonderfully fitted to cheat. It is the thing he does best. He loves it. Cheating is the thing he is happiest doing.

It is a thing which — if you watch him in action — you have to admire: the sight of one of God's creatures doing something that is extremely difficult, and doing it very, very well. In the same way I can admire the person who broke into my car. It was so beautifully done: no mess, no noise — the entire contents carried silently and swiftly away, right outside my bedroom window. What a maestro! How that youth must take pride in his work! Am I really sure it would be better for him and for the human race if he neglected his talents, stifled his energies, and stayed at home to watch *Beavis and Butthead* on TV? To see a Peruvian pickpocket in action is to rejoice in such a celebration of human artistry that it becomes impossible not to believe in a Divine Purpose.

Likeable and winsome, Robbie is also a good for nothing — and a friend

And my own tribe — the English — are marvellous criminals. We always have been. From the days of *Elizabeth I through* the acquisition of empire, Cecil Rhodes, Lloyd George, Suez, to the rise of the City, "insurance", "financial services" and fine-art auctioneers, we have excelled at cheating, laundering, massaging, speculating, gambling, wheeler-dealering and taking a cut.

We are a nation of spin merchants and professional rats. Why should we mock Robbie for exemplifying in *an unusual degree those* talents that have so long distinguished and enriched our country?

No, he should use them. You've paddled in the shallow waters of infamy for too long, Robbie, fiddling the petty cash and breaking young girls' hearts. Strike out for the deep! Head for the City! Find the rich old women! Quit the magistrates' courts and go for the Old Bailey! Go for the big time!

Tony Blair should look carefully at the Democrats' ratings before he finishes remodelling Labour

The link that could become a liability

Tony Blair has been thinking of the Labour connection with the Democrats as one of his chief assets. He may soon come to regard it as a liability from which he should distance himself. If the latest opinion polls are reliable, the Democrats are in serious political trouble, and President Clinton is in even worse trouble than his party. This weekend *The Washington Post*, a liberal newspaper, published the latest poll findings. They make grim reading for the Democrats, ahead of the November mid-term elections.

The usual analysis, which has certainly influenced Blair's strategy, is that Bill Clinton won the presidency in 1992 by turning around the Republican lead on three traditionally conservative issues, taxes, crime and the protection of middle-class interests. This analysis was probably correct. President Bush had lost the tax issue by raising taxes despite his election pledge not to do so. In the 12 Republican years, American fear of crime had risen steadily, although the statistics of actual crime were not *all one-way. The middle class felt that* they had been left out of the wealth-creation of the 1980s.

The bad news for the Democrats is the 20 months of the Clinton administration have wiped out all these gains. The Republicans are back where they were, well ahead on *taxation, on crime — despite the* Crime Bill — and on the protection of middle-class interests. The issues on which the Democrats won the White House in 1992 — although with only 43 per cent of the vote — have now been won back by the Republicans.

The *Post's* poll has even worse news than that for the President. The core of support for the Democrats before President Regan used to be the white working class. It was one of Clinton's campaign achievements that he won back a majority of that group. The poll showed him trailing a "generic" Republican candidate for the presidency — that is anyone the Republicans nominate in 1996 — by no less than 13 per cent among this strongly Democratic section of the American electorate.

Worst of all is the Republican lead among the young. Taking all voters from the age of 18 to 35, the poll shows 55 per cent disapproving of the way Clinton has conducted his presidency. No fewer than 56 per cent say that their values are best represented by the Republican Party, compared with 32 per cent who believe that their values are best represented by the Democrats.

Polls come and go, but these polls relate not just to a presidential election in two years' time, but to the elections which will be held on November 8 for the whole of the House of Representatives, for one third of the Senate and for 36 Governors of States. Until this weekend, most *pollsters thought that the Democrats* would be able to hang on to a reduced majority in all three sectors; now they are not so sure. If the Republican momentum is maintained, they could even control the House and the Senate, and elect a majority of Governors. That is still unlikely, but no longer impossible. Yet the Republicans have not won a House of Representatives majority in a mid-term election since 1954.

The Democrats are in danger of being flooded by four tidal swells in American politics, anti-Washington, anti-incumbent, anti-liberal and anti-Clinton. In 1992 President Clinton was able to promise that the election of a Democrat as President would end the "gridlock" in Washington, because the Democrats already controlled both Houses of Congress.

This has not happened, as has been shown by his central domestic policy, the healthcare proposals. His universal coverage healthcare policy will not be enacted by this Congress, let alone by the next one, which will be dominated — with or without an overall majority — by the Republicans. *In 20 months it has become* apparent that the President cannot deliver Democratic policies because the gridlock between President and Congress is still there. He won the Nafta Bill with Republican votes. Every president since Richard Nixon has campaigned against incumbence, or had to defend himself as an incumbent. The average American voter may respect his own Senator or Congressman, but he does not respect Washington. Outside the US, it is hard to understand how far liberal ideas have been discredited, even among Democrat voters. Liberalism is blamed for most of America's outstanding problems, for a welfare-dependent crime-ridden under-class, for moral decline, for big government and high taxes, for weak and vacillating foreign policy, for the alien priggishness of the politically correct. Clinton was elected because he represented himself as a new Democrat, free of *this liberal baggage*; that again is very close to Tony Blair's appeal. He is now seen as a liberal President, in no significant way different from other Democratic liberals such as Senator Kennedy. Young Americans repudiate the liberal philosophy of state action.

William Rees-Mogg

Finally, there is the character issue, which stems from the dubious connections of Clinton's Arkansas past. In the past ten days, the President's reputation has suffered two further blows from the Whitewater scandals. The Arkansas press has been full of *details about Governor* Jim Guy Tucker's own Whitewater-type deal — called Castle Grand — with the same partners of Jim McDougal and Madison Guaranty. Castle Grand is another property on which what looked like sweetheart deals were made with an elected official — Governor Tucker was *Bill Clinton's* chosen successor. A special prosecutor has now been appointed to investigate improper links between Tyson Foods — long-standing associates of Bill Clinton — and the Clinton Secretary for Agriculture. This Whitewater group of allegations now runs to between 15 and 20 more or less serious charges against the President or his close associates. There are now two special prosecutors as well as two Congressional committees looking into them.

These character issues have been cautiously and rather inadequately explored by the respectable American press, but are staple fare for down-market, cheap radio chat shows. Strangely, therefore, truckers, who listen to these chat shows, know more about McDougal, Dan Lasater, Tyson Foods, Paula Jones, Jerry Parks, the six Arkansas "suicides", the cocaine racket and so on than do Wall Street lawyers who read *The New York Times*. But the character issue is there. That, too, will not help the Democrats in November.

Strangely enough, in the long run the Democrats may have to use the character issue to explain the collapse of the Clinton revolution. The economy certainly cannot be blamed: it was already recovering in 1992 and has continued to recover ever since. There are two explanations, although they are not mutually exclusive. One is that the Arkansas connection has fatally tainted Bill Clinton, in addition to his personal flaws. The other is that the American people have lost confidence in the basic ideas of the Democrats. That would be much the more fundamental rejection of the two. It will be easier for the Democrats to drop Arkansas than to drop liberalism.

The Washington Post poll is particularly interesting. The young, by 56 to 32, are finding their values better represented by the Republicans than by the Democrats. That, rather than the character flaws of one President — however grave — is the stuff of which generations of political power can be made.

Still at sea with his own party

Peter Riddell explains why the recovery is not winning support for John Major



RIDDELL ON MONDAY

It is "almost a voteless recovery". Jeremy Hanley, the new Tory party chairman admitted yesterday. He is still in the eager, candid phase of his chairmanship: wily discretion has not yet set in. But his candour exposes the cruel paradox facing John Major. The more successful he is in reducing inflation, the less benefit he may receive politically. The discrepancy between the economic and political cycles explains why Mr Major is not yet out of the woods with his own party.

The Tory faithful are fed up. They *believe the Government is out* of touch with their concerns over public spending, taxes and crime. That is the message of the motions from constituency associations for next month's party conference to be published later today. Tory MPs report the same from meetings with local activists. The holidays, the Cabinet reshuffle and the absence of stories about Tory splits have made no difference. There is a sour and irritable mood. The polls remain dreadful. The last MORI poll for *The Times* showed a record desertion from the *Tories among professional and* managerial people.

Ministers often talk as if this unpopularity is somehow unfair. They trot out familiar statistics about falling unemployment, accelerating growth (probably to about 3.5 per cent this year), and lower inflation and interest rates. These are all true, so why do most voters believe the recession is continuing? It is partly that the nature of the recovery is different. Growth is led by investments and exports. Previously strong consumer spending is more sluggish this year. Growth should therefore be more sustainable in the long term. But people do not yet feel better-off. Personal debt remains at a historically high level, while the housing market remains patchy at best. Last April's big tax increases have eaten into disposable income, so consumer *confidence remains flat*.

The Government is also suffering, according to Mr Hanley yesterday, because "we've beaten inflation". He was being over-confident, as the Bank of England would quickly tell him. But the sharp reduction in inflation has profound political implications. It is the reverse side of the money illusion from which Governments benefited during the 1960s and 1970s. Then, people thought they were doing well when money wages and house prices rose sharply, even though they were often little better off in real terms. Now, with much smaller increases in money wages, and house prices well below the late 1980s peak, people feel worse-off, even though in real terms they are *often better-off than before. The big* drop in interest rates has also cut incomes received by savers, particularly the retired, who have been among the most loyal of Tories and the backbone of local associations. They feel much worse-off, although the change in inflation-adjusted returns has been smaller.

So the voteless recovery is not surprising. The official Tory line is that it is all a matter of timing. If growth is sustained, wage settlements are likely to rise, the housing market should revive and confidence should pick up. The tax increases this autumn and next spring should be the last, and there is plenty of time for tax cuts before the election. All this will probably have *some* electoral benefits, narrowing the gap between the parties.

The Tory pessimists point, however, *to the polls: no party has won an* election from such a bad position. On this view, the key event was the political débâcle two years ago surrounding sterling's forced departure from the exchange-rate mechanism, even though the subsequent falls in the pound and in interest rates have helped to sustain growth.

Although voters gave the Major Government the benefit of the doubt over the recession in the 1992 election, they have not been prepared to give it any credit for the recovery, which they anyway doubt. An analysis by John Curtice and Peter Spencer for Kleinwort Benson showed that the positive effects of expansion have been swamped by the turmoil since Black Wednesday, which cost the Tories 16 points in the polls. Continued recovery will not be enough to deliver another election win.

Economic or political determinism of this kind is always suspect. The projections are sensitive to cuts in direct taxes, although any resulting boost for the Tories could be offset by any rise in the mortgage rate. But some Tory MPs believe their party's luck has finally run out: that we are seeing one of those once in-a-generation "sea changes in what the public wants and approves of", so vividly noticed by James Callaghan during the 1979 election. The public may have got tired of the Tories and there is little they can do — although there is little evidence of real enthusiasm for Labour's approach.

The closest parallel is with the aftermath of the 1967 devaluation. Then, Labour remained in a rocky political position for more than 18 months until the turn-round in the economy began to be recognised. Similarly, now, the political pain could continue well into next year. The worry for Mr Major, as for Harold Wilson in 1967-68, is that further political setbacks could produce fresh demands for a change in leadership. Just as the threat to Mr Major was much exaggerated earlier this year, so the security of his position is now taken too much for granted. The threat may be small, but Mr Major cannot rely on the patience of his party for ever. There is therefore a growing debate between party managers, secretly wanting a little laxity over wage increases, public borrowing and taxes, and the Treasury, favouring continued probity.

As Chancellor and Prime Minister, Mr Major allowed a big increase in public spending before the last election. The temptation is there again, especially as faster-than-forecast growth is reducing public borrowing. The path of economic virtue is clear: lower borrowing and no tax cuts yet. But Mr Major is learning that economic and political virtue do not always coincide. Inflation often won votes, while disinflation loses votes.

Star-struck

SOMETHING akin to panic ran through Britain's film community, I hear, when it appeared that, while a committee of MPs is *en route* to California for a much-maligned visit to the film studios, a team of *Hollywood executives will be in* London. The British Film Commission long ago invited ten influential figures from America's film industry to London in mid-October — just when the Commons Heritage Committee wants to fly west.

"We told the MPs that we had already invited the Americans," splutters a commission aide. "We arranged it a long time ago. They are precisely the people the MPs should be meeting."

Gerald Kaufman and his committee still intend to set off on their £23,000 "fact-finding" trip while the Americans are over here, although the overlap is short. Film buff Kaufman insists there is no problem. "What we have done is to try to fit it in with the parliamentary timetable and the needs of our Members," he says. "Our trip has nothing to do with the commission." The committee, he says, is not interested only in persuading Hollywood to use Britain as a location. "We are anxious to see whether a structure can be provided for the British film industry," he adds. "We want to see how Hollywood can help us."

DIARY

Fein writing

REQUIRED reading, no doubt, for John Major and the Rev Ian Paisley, Gerry Adams takes a breather this week from the peace process to launch *Gerry Adams: Selected Writings*, a collection of his literary works. The Sinn Fein leader is an accomplished writer (*The Times Literary Supplement* talked of a "certain elegiac quality" to his tales), producing short stories and historical tales over the past decade, as well as more predictable Republican tracts. The timely book even has a chapter to catch the eye of our Prime Minister. It's entitled "Dear John".

● *Great secrecy in Downing Street about John Major's travelling companions to South Africa next week. But I learn that they will include a cricketer, footballer, athlete and a rugby player — sex and ethnic origins mixed. While he meets Nelson Mandela, the four follow their own itineraries. But Major, who is taking sports equipment to donate to black youngsters, will meet up for a coaching session at the Alexander township, north of Johannesburg. A No 10 aide says: "You are not getting the identities of the four out of me. It's more than my life's worth."*

Canon fire

DOG COLLARS a-quiver at the national assembly of *Forward in Faith*, a religious body fervently against women priests, after one speaker was described as Canon Carolyn Fouse of the Christian Formation Press. Director Stephen Parkinson swiftly dispatched a missive, assuring them that "Canon" is simply an honorary title for Fouse, who is lay canon of Bloemfontein cathedral.

If any members are still reeling in horror, Parkinson adds plaintively: "Please do reassure them that your council has not taken leave of its collective senses by inviting one of those whom we are united in opposing to speak at the assembly."

Legal acts

BEWIGGED lawyers of Gray's Inn will be admirably quick off the mark in celebrating the 400th anniversary of Shakespeare's plays. In December, a band of amateurs, with some professional actors, will *perform The Comedy Of Errors* at Gray's Inn Hall almost to the day when The Lord Chamberlain's men, and the Bard himself, staged the play there. The shows are believed to be the first recorded productions of any Shakespeare play in a building of the period.

Modern-day lawyers will, I hope, behave better than did their 16th-century forebears. "There was something of a disturbance," confesses John Boyd, QC. "The performance was invaded by some Inner Temple barristers who caused such a *scene that somebody put pen to* paper to record it."



Dear Violet

ONE OF the saddest aspects to the untimely death of Lord Bonham-Carter is that he will not live to see the completion of his *magnum opus*, the collected letters of his mother Violet, Asquith's daughter. Only last month, Bonham-Carter signed a deal with Weidenfeld & Nicolson. Publisher Ion Trewin says: "Violet Bonham-Carter [later Baroness Asquith of Yarnbury], Mark's mother, was a remarkable woman and Asquith's favourite. She saw the run-up to the First World War and the Irish Home Rule Bill and was a good writer." She numbered Winston Churchill among her correspondents.

Trewin hopes that Lord Jenkins, Bonham-Carter's old pal and Asquith's biographer, will write the introduction. "If it was Mark's last work," says Jenkins, "that would be enough for me to do it."

Crow's feat

A FEATHERY reunion this week, I hope, between the late Charlie Chaplin's youngest daughter, Victoria, and an aged crow. Felix flew off 13 years ago amid the hijinks of the Arundel Festival, where Chaplin *fille* and her husband, Jean-Baptiste Thierrée, were presenting their splendid *Le Cirque Invisible*.





Victoria Chaplin: in search of Felix, her erstwhile corvine friend

Since my report of the appearance of an extremely friendly crow, bearing an extraordinary resemblance to Felix, the couple will travel down to inspect the greying bird while their Paris-based show is in London. Chaplin, who'll perform at Hammersmith's Riverside Studios, certainly has no doubts about identifying her old avian friend. "I will recognise him," she says, "he has blue eyes and a nice smile."

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LOST EXUBERANCE

Economics alone will not save the Major government

Ambitious Conservative speakers (and that includes ministers) are already polishing their texts for the big week in Bournemouth next month. The powers of Smith Square have decreed that the economy is to be proclaimed as the big success. Thus each Conference hopeful has to tussle with a simple problem: although the economy has recovered fast since sterling left the exchange rate mechanism of the European Monetary System two years ago, even faster has been the fall in popularity of the government who fought so fiercely to keep Britain inside the ERM. How can the Tory speechmaker laud the economic glories without reminding his audience that success was forced upon an unwitting Prime Minister? How can he or she avoid the truth that the moment of economic liberation marked the key moment in the government's descent into untrustworthiness?

This week marks precisely the second anniversary of Britain's economic revival: September 16, 1992. In the two years since the pound was ejected from the ERM, the economy has performed exactly in line with the hopes of those who advocated that departure. Interest rates have been cut sharply, output has grown, unemployment has fallen, exports have soared, inflation has stayed down and the economy is moving into a third year of expansion. But, as Peter Riddell describes on the page opposite, the paradox of the nation's churlishness is ever more perplexing to Tory politicians.

They seem unlikely to solve the question in the next few weeks. It is worth adding that, if the new Tory party chairman, Jeremy Hanley, remains unable to keep a political idea in his head for more than two days at a time, it may not matter whether they solve it. Those who were unconvinced by the Prime Minister's understanding of "yob culture" last week found all too clear corroboration of their doubts in Mr Hanley's breakfast-time interview with Sir David Frost. The man charged with projecting the Major message has now apologised for confusing the yobbish with the merely exuberant: too late, however, to stop another piece of rot.

More importantly, the Tories' nervousness over the months ahead will have a real effect on economic policy and business conditions, as pressures intensify on Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, to "do something" about the voteless recovery. We can expect a renewed backbench clamour for tax cuts if, as is likely, the next monthly economic statistics show a slowdown in the rate of expansion and disappointing news on unemployment. Mr Clarke, who is successfully staying above the fray these days, would be wise to ignore this disturbance too. An imprudent tax-cut now would endanger the objectives of maintaining low interest rates and inflation: it could risk even the small pile of credit that the government now possesses.

Nor would it even deliver reliable political rewards. Changes in income tax have certainly not been a serious part of the problem so far. Not only did the collapse in Government popularity come well before the two tax-raising Budgets of 1993, but the main resentment provoked by the fiscal tightening has been directed against VAT on gas and electricity: it has had nothing to do with of the standard rate of income tax.

It is increasingly possible to draw a broader conclusion too: that neither the collapse of the Government's standing on Black Wednesday nor its failure to recover since then has had much to do with economic policy or economic performance. The events of the past two years, far from showing that politics is always dominated by economics, have shown that voters are less exclusively preoccupied with "pocket-book issues" than politicians have recently supposed. The independence of politics from economics was also the clearest lesson of John Major's 1992 election victory, won in the depth of the longest recession for 60 years.

In searching for the causes of their unpopularity, the Tories should pay less heed to economic performance, income tax rates or the elusive "feelgood factor". Instead they should focus on political qualities such as public trust, leadership, a sense of government competence, a sense that John Major's Tories understand speeches about "yob culture" rather than simply spout them for the evening headlines. As we have argued before, the work on Civic Conservatism by Havant MP, David Willetts, is of more value than the latest word from the Treasury's wise men. Would-be stars of Bournemouth — however high or low in the party they be — should read and ponder on it.

MEANWHILE IN SINGAPORE

The Tories have another problem — and it is coming home

It is an axiom of criminal justice that every man is presumed innocent unless proved guilty. Unfortunately for Lord Archer, now completing a far eastern book promotion tour, the same principle has never applied in the world of politics. Nor should it. If proof beyond reasonable doubt were ever to be established as the guiding principle of political discourse, political action would virtually cease.

Since *The Times* first revealed this latest Archer affair, the ramifications of the saga have spread widely. Four key facts about his involvement in the purchase and sale of Anglia Television shares are known beyond reasonable doubt: first, that Lord Archer was involved in these controversial transactions; second, that Lord Archer's wife was a director at Anglia and knew that the company had agreed to be taken over at the time; third, that Mr Heseltine was not persuaded by his Department's inquiry that there was any evidence of criminal behaviour worth taking to law; fourth, that Lord Archer is a close personal friend of John Major's and of many other senior Tory politicians.

Sadly for Lord Archer and the Conservative Party, the legality or otherwise of his behaviour is not the only point, nor even now the main one. Because of the fourth indubitable fact — that the Tory high command is on intimate terms with Lord Archer and that embarrassment to him could all too easily become embarrassment for the Prime Minister — there is a reasonable suspicion on the part of the public that his case may not (and could not) have been treated in the same way as other allegations of insider dealing. As details about the case continue to emerge, and Lord Archer remains in the bookshops of the East, concern grows among his party and the public that the air has not been cleared.

The verdict of "guilt by association", although it might never be heard in a criminal court, is much heard in the court of politics. The facts now known about Lord Archer's misjudgment (to put it at its best) and the manner in which that misjudgment was investigated cast a lengthening shadow over the Conservative Party's reputation. This is happening at a time when, as we argue above, the moral dimension of politics is expanding at the expense of the economic. Since it is said to be impossible to publish the DTI's inquiry report, Lord Archer should make a full statement explaining his full relationship to the purchase and sale of shares in Anglia, what he knew about his wife's activities as a director and, if the answer is nothing, then why the dealings were so serendipitously timed. Lord Archer should also urge his wife to make a full statement and formally release his stockbrokers and others involved in the transaction from their normal duty of confidentiality to their client and ask them to repeat publicly what they said to the DTI inspectors. Whatever the prospects of Lord Archer's future career, this is one immediate service he should perform for the party he has served so loyally and so long.

BOGEY IN THE BACKYARD

Castro touches American nerves like no other problem does



Spare a thought for President Clinton as he grapples with the Cuban crisis, his hands already full with Haiti, Bosnia and a prickly domestic agenda. Spare a thought, also, for those ordinary Cubans who daily suffer hardship, hunger and repression on their misgoverned island fortress.

In recent days, President Clinton has been subjected to mounting pressure — from sources as diverse as *The Washington Post* and the Rio Group of Latin American and Caribbean states — to lift, review or moderate America's 32-year economic embargo against Havana. It is argued that to do so would help to achieve important humanitarian and political results: an end to the embargo would restore to Cubans the essential commodities for which they thirst, as well as weakening the grip of the Castro regime. That is our argument too.

Yet the confluence of Clinton and Cuba, and the exhortations to treat with Havana, must be viewed against the backdrop of America's Castro complex. This complex sets the Cuban dictator apart from all the other bogeymen who feature in the rich tapestry of America's political mythology. Dr Castro is a figure with whom every American is familiar, and about whom every American has a view. The image of an unyielding man in fatigues who presides over a Communist regime a stone's throw away from Florida is more evocative of maleficence by far than are the relatively faceless men who run Vietnam and China.

The embargo or "blockade" of Cuba is now in its 33rd year. Instituted at the height of the Cold War, it has outlived the collapse of the Soviet empire and the end of the Cold War itself. It has been perhaps the only aspect of foreign policy to which every American President — from Kennedy to Clinton — has remained steadfast. In parallel, Dr Castro has been demonised relentlessly for decades and the process has left an intense imprint on the psyche of all Americans. Although the voice of the Cuban American National Foundation has always been the most strident, to describe it as holding successive administrations in thrall is not only to exaggerate its influence but also to caricature the process by which American policy is fashioned.

All of this should serve to explain why Mr Clinton finds it so difficult to embrace the arguments — however cogently assembled — of those who call for an end to the embargo. For that which appears both logical and humane to observers elsewhere is in America hostage to knotty history.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Cost of the monarchy and its value to the nation

From Mr Stuart Bell, MP for Middlesbrough (Labour)

Sir, The future of the monarchy (Mr Tony Benn's letter, September 9) is not in doubt, for the Queen is part of our constitution, with the Commons and Lords. The succession, however, must be resolved and resolved quickly. If Charles wishes to remain heir to the throne and there is no reconciliation with Diana he should become, as he appears to wish, not the head of one Church, but the repository, if that is the right word, of a variety of religions and cultures in our society.

This seems to require the disestablishment of the Church and the abolition of the House of Lords, where 26 archbishops and bishops sit as part of the establishment. If the Church of England is to be disestablished the House of Lords must be replaced by an elected second chamber, elected by a system of proportional representation, with revising and limited delaying powers so that it does not come into conflict with the Commons.

There is no reason why the royal family should not live in their own homes — Sandringham and Balmoral. The rest of their homes, which belong to the state, including Buckingham Palace and Windsor Castle, should be converted into museums.

These reforms may have to wait until the Queen leaves the throne. The new monarch should become an ordinary citizen of the realm, a *primus inter pares*, who carries out his constitutional duties with the Commons and an elected second chamber as an essential element of our constitution.

Parliament should have the right to debate the future of the monarchy without the Queen's permission. The sooner the intentions of the Prince of Wales are known and the reforms are in place the better we shall be able to face the twenty-first century as a modern democracy.

Yours sincerely,
STUART BELL,
House of Commons.
September 10.

From the Co-ordinator of Charter 88

Sir, The debate that is now unfolding on the monarchy suggests that the next few years may prove to be of extraordinary importance for the future of our country. There are a number of critical issues which are being looked at piecemeal but which are coming together in a way that cannot be mere coincidence.

The abuse of prerogative powers in the appointments to quangos, the debate over privacy laws for the royals, the row over secrecy in the royal accounts raised in your leader of September 9 ("The royal bills"), the question of the royal prerogative raised by Tony Benn's letter on the same page, and next week's debate by the Liberal Democrats (unprecedented at any party conference): all these suggest that something deeper is wrong.

In our book of essays, *Power and the Throne*, Charter 88 argues that these issues are indeed symptoms, caused by a chronic sickness in our system of sovereignty for which the cure has to be a new democratic constitutional settlement. Peter Riddell (article, September 7) acknowledges the book's role in lifting the taboo on serious discussion of the role of the monarchy in our system of power and providing a model debate.

For the heart of the matter is this: the monarchy is *not* the heart of the matter. As our book argues, the *constitution* of our "empire state", stopping us from being citizens and condemning us to being subjects, perpetuates scandal and frustration.

Yours sincerely,
ANTHONY BARNETT,
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September 9.

From the Secretary-General of the Monarchist League

Sir, Tony Benn has announced his intention of introducing a parliamentary Bill to require the head of state to be elected when the Queen's reign ends.

Yet the latest NOP survey clearly demonstrates that the monarchy has the overwhelming support of the British people. There is no evidence that they wish to be subjected to the upheaval, not to say the expense, of a presidential election every four or five years — an election which could result in someone unacceptable to a large section of the population becoming the nation's representative. Surely no one in their senses would want replicated here the unseemly inter-party bickering and horse-trading which brought forth the present German head of state earlier this year.

The Queen has dedicated her life to the good of the whole nation, as Mr Benn has dedicated his to a political party and ideology. Neither his nor any single party in this country has ever achieved the level of support enjoyed by the monarchy.

Yours faithfully,
DONALD FOREMAN,
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From Mrs Susan M. Moore

Sir, According to my calculations, and assuming a population of 58 million, the annual royal household budget of £22 million costs every man, woman and child in this country 38p per year. Set against the income it generates for this nation the royal family is probably one of the best investments we've got.

Yours faithfully,
S. MOORE,
East Bergholt Place, Mill Road,
East Bergholt, Colchester, Essex.

From Mr Peter J. Firth

Sir, According to your report of September 8, the Queen is under pressure to account for her spending. Not from me: I'm not offended by it, I don't feel the need for it to be investigated.

Had the Public Accounts Committee asked me what they should do with their time I would have told them: "Go, deploy your energies in the National Health Service, where savings of millions (billions, perhaps?) can probably be made by better management. Leave the royal family alone: any savings you make there would be small, and would be achieved at the expense of much unpleasantness."

If there is a move afoot to reduce the monarchy to the Scandinavian model it should be the result of a known consensus. It should not be encompassed by a hidden agenda put into effect by the sniping little witch-hunt so beloved of the British.

Yours sincerely,
PETER J. FIRTH,
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September 8.

MPs can help to keep world peace

From Sir Michael Marshall, MP for Arundel (Conservative), President of the Inter-Parliamentary Council

Sir, The United Nations General Assembly, when it reconvenes on September 20, will effectively begin the process of self-examination and international study which we all must hope will be the principal characteristics in marking the fiftieth anniversary of the organisation in 1995.

Such realism is necessary when the Ministry of Defence currently estimates there are 34 major armed conflicts in the world in which the demands placed on the United Nations consistently outmatch the resources offered by member states.

Two years ago the Secretary General invoked chapter 8 of the UN Charter in urging geo-political groups to earmark disaster-relief resources on a regional basis. Last month he called a further meeting of regional organisations at the United Nations headquarters to discuss their role in both peacekeeping and disaster relief.

In Europe Nato has borne the brunt of co-ordinating such joint activity but there is little sign of the growth of regional organisations to match this work in many parts of the world.

It seems an appropriate moment, therefore, for parliamentarians everywhere to encourage a process by which, for example, the Organisation of African Unity, having defined the principles for peacekeeping, is now providing such resources in Liberia and Burundi.

The need to extend this process to other regions of the world is evident and the support of parliamentarians for government initiatives will be vital. Those attending the General Assembly should demonstrate their willingness to vote back home for the means required.

Many of us taking part in the Inter-Parliamentary Union's bi-annual conference in Copenhagen on September 12 can explore the practical aspects of creating such regional structures through the exercise of parliamentary diplomacy.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL MARSHALL,
President, Inter-Parliamentary Council,
House of Commons.
September 4.

Verdict on Hahn

From the Headmaster of Rugby School

Sir, Of course Dr Kurt Hahn was not a Nazi (letters, August 31). "Human nature is very prevalent," he once declared in his ponderously pertinent English, and I suppose that people are capable of almost anything; but the fruit on that man's tree (and Dr Hahn was first a Jew before he became a communicant member of the Church of England) surely demonstrates his active virtue.

Hahn was earnest in his exhortations but he smiled, too, with immense humanity. What headmaster with even the slightest Nazi inclinations (did *any* Nazi ever laugh at himself?) could have come across three boys misbehaving at Gordonstoun and have said, as Hahn did, to Gordon Medcalf, "You are Medcuffing: stop Medcuffing," and then to Tim Beaumont, "You are Beaumonting: stop Beaumonting," and finally, to a hugely hopeful Sam Hoare, after a pause, "Stop being such a stupid boy!"

Here was a really good man. It is more difficult to be good than great, although I think that Dr Hahn was that, too.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL MAVOR (Headmaster of Gordonstoun, 1979-90),
School House,
Rugby School, Warwickshire.
September 1.

From Mrs Barbara Hall

Sir, Mr Michael Varvill (letter, August 31) states that "Cumming House, Gordonstoun, was named after the first head of the British Secret Service".

The *Gordonstoun Record* for December 1938 reads:

Next term we shall move into our new building, hitherto known as the "Estate Square" ... but now officially named "Cumming House" in memory of the late Lady Smith Cumming.

Lady Smith Cumming (wife of Captain Sir Mansfield Smith Cumming, alias "C" of the Secret Service) was a close friend of Kurt Hahn's, and the owner of the nearby Logie estate, where her parents had set up a school. She lived at Gordonstoun for the last years of her life and was buried there on March 5, 1938, in the Michael Kirk.

Yours faithfully,
BARBARA HALL,
Seacrest, Covesea,
Duffus, Elgin, Moray.
September 1.

An old old man

From William Gubbins

Sir, You said yesterday that a woman has found a new limerick by Edward Lear, "There was an old man, who when little/Fell suddenly into a kettle ..." It is in my book of Nonsense already, just a little bit different.

Yours sincerely,
WILLIAM GUBBINS (aged 7),
19 Kings Road,
Wimbledon, SW19.
September 8.

Egg donor debate

From Dr Joseph D. Schulman, Director, Genetics & IVF Institute, Fairfax, Virginia

Sir, Our advertisement (August 23; report, August 25) informing your readers of the availability of egg donor services at the Genetics & IVF Institute has attracted no little attention. We wish to respond to some British press reports implying possible dangers to individual patients coming to the United States and suggesting that infertility treatment may be inadequately regulated.

The institute is well known internationally, and to many in Britain, for its high quality and innovation in several areas of assisted reproduction, including non-surgical *in vitro* fertilisation (IVF), embryo cryopreservation, sperm injection into eggs for the treatment of male infertility, and pre-implantation genetic diagnosis. We are one of the first and largest IVF centers in the United States and have achieved more than 800 IVF pregnancies.

Our donor egg-IVF pregnancy rate is highly satisfactory — approximately 40 per cent per treatment — and we provide a choice of over 100 donors. Our screening policies for donors involve extensive medical, psychological, genetic, and infectious-disease testing at standards equivalent to those required in Great Britain.

In addition, our program adheres to the guides of the American Fertility Society and the Society for Assisted Reproductive Technologies, which perform certain functions in the United States analogous to the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority of Great Britain.

Health services are now provided internationally. A decade ago Americans came to England for IVF, which was brilliantly invented in your country. It will do no harm for a modest number of Britons to now come to the United States for a related type of medical care.

Yours sincerely,
JOSEPH D. SCHULMAN,
Director, Genetics & IVF Institute,
3020 Javier Road,
Fairfax, Virginia 22031, USA.

From Mrs N. Vesey-Williams

Sir, Your recent advertisement concerning donor eggs resulted in television coverage, which meant further sensational headlines surrounding IVF treatment. This kind of publicity does not help the cause of everyday couples, such as my husband and myself, who need IVF treatment to have a family.

We object to the fact that we have to pay for this treatment privately. The reason is because NHS waiting lists are so long, the condition is not life-threatening, and it is not a medical priority in the eyes of the Government and public opinion.

Yours faithfully,
NICOLA VESEY-WILLIAMS,
44a Avondale Avenue,
Staines, Middlesex.

Worth of the 'Graces'

From Mr David Coombs

Sir, The debate about the national worth of *The Three Graces* (reports, September 6, 10; letters, August 18) has been hindered and obscured by disagreement among experts, actual and self-appointed. Shrilly expressed, it is no wonder the public was confused, despite the clear signal from the international art market that the monetary value of the sculpture confirmed its exceptional character.

A process of education is needed, and at several levels. Otherwise, even the subtle and acute trustees and directorate of the National Heritage Memorial Fund may find it hard in future to withstand the buffets of contrary opinion. The time will surely come when they have to ponder another contentious appeal: and one looking for support from the National Lottery's expectedly mighty bounty.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID COOMBS,
The Red House, Portsmouth Road,
Milford, Godalming, Surrey.

From Mr David Crooks

Sir, So *The Three Graces* is to be shunted between London, Edinburgh and Madrid. Why not cut costs — and limit damage — by taking a hammer to the damn thing, and giving them one Grace each?

Yours faithfully,
DAVID CROOKS,
49 Hawthorn Avenue,
Bearsden, Glasgow.

Fee-paying schools

From the Headmaster of Pangbourne College

Sir, The sometime Head Master of Westminster (top of the current A-level league table — congratulations) also speaks warmly of the academic standards of Eton and Winchester (Education, August 29). However, his claim that parents with large fees to pay would do better to pay them to these highly selective élite establishments, where exam success is indeed predictable once the demanding entry hurdle is cleared, should be challenged.

There are many families from small mixed-ability schools celebrating excellent exam results, gratefully acknowledging that the teaching needed by the less able pupil has been worth every penny. This experience may include attempting some ambitious A levels, where schools more dominated by league tables might debar the doubtful achiever.

Nor do smaller schools see their claim to turn out all-rounders as a cop-out. It takes serious commitment to compete successfully against the big ones at rowing and rugby, sailing and judo, music and art, and to create a climate — smaller and conceivably more friendly — where the individual can shine and build confidence.

Smaller schools are rightly popular because success is a measure of individual achievement.

Yours truly,
ANTHONY HUDSON,
Headmaster, Pangbourne College,
Pangbourne, Berkshire.

Forces' favourites

From Major A. G. Finch, RA (retd)

Sir, The *charwallah* (letters, August 29, September 1) sustained not only British troops wherever they campaigned but also the officers of the old Indian Army. Without them service life would have been impossible. The best morning tea was brewed in empty shell cases, preferably 3.7in calibre.

On a reunion visit to the Indian Artillery HQ at Deolali in Maharashtra State, India, in 1985, a few of us were delighted to find that the *charwallah* of what was "A" Mess in 1941 was by then *khansamah* (butler-cum-head chef), a dignified figure who not only recognised us but took great pride in showing us the original regimental silver, trophies and other features of his domain.

Yours faithfully,
ALAN FINCH,
50 Wheathampstead Road,
Harpenden, Hertfordshire.

From Commander John Goldsmith, RN (retd)

Sir, Commander Binney (letter, September 1) described the method of preparing, from solid blocks of chocolate, that "gruesome brew" known in the Royal Navy as "kye". This duty fell to the midshipman of the watch.

One less than popular senior lieutenant commander in the old battleship *Queen Elizabeth* demanded kye, good and strong, every quarter of an hour. If it was not to his liking a replacement was ordered.

I remember making kye for him throughout one middle watch (midnight to 4am), using a laxative made to taste like chocolate. In his 16 mugs of this elixir he consumed a bar and a half.

Leaving the bridge he said to me: "Good brew, Mid, keep it up." That was the last we midshipmen saw of him for three days.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN GOLDSMITH,
Little Symonds,
Hambledon, Hampshire.

From Mr David Langdon

Sir, I am grateful to Mr Gordon Millington (letter, September 1) for attributing to me a wartime cartoon on the subject of Naafi tea. As I cannot easily recall each of the 5,000-plus cartoons I drew for *Punch* in my time, may I offer a possible substitute and one that I *am* sure of:

An RAF fitter, astride an engine cowling of a Lancaster bomber, shouts to an oppo going off in the direction of the Naafi wagon: "You know how I like it, Nobby. Lukewarm, with a tiny bit of saccharine and bags of powdered milk."

Yours faithfully,
DAVID LANGDON,
Greenlands, Honor End Lane,
Great Missenden, Buckinghamshire.
September 2.

Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be faxed to 071-782 5046.

COURT CIRCULAR

BALMORAL CASTLE
September 10: The Rt Hon John Major, MP (Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury) and Mrs Major have arrived at the Castle.

The Rt Hon John Major, MP, had an audience of The Queen this evening.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
September 10: The Prince of Wales, Colonel-in-Chief, The Royal Gurkha Rifles, this morning took the Salute at the Formation Parade at Church Crookham.

Major Patrick Tabor was in attendance.

BALMORAL CASTLE
September 11: Divine Service was held in Crathie Parish Church this morning.

The Right Reverend James Simpson (Moderator of the General Assembly) preached the Sermon.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
September 11: The Prince Edward, Trustee, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, this afternoon presented the Nations Cup at the Compaq Autumn Tournament, the Guards Club, Windsor Great Park, Egham, Surrey.

Lieutenant-Colonel Sean O'Dwyer was in attendance.

Today's royal engagements

The Princess Royal, as Patron of the National Autistic Society, will open the new site for Broomhayes School, Kingsley House, Alverdiscot Road, Bideford East, north Devon, at 2.10; and, as Master of the Woolmen's Company, will visit the Working Wool Museum at Coldharbour Mill, Uffculme, Cullompton, at 4.10.

The Duke of Gloucester, as Honorary Air Commodore, Royal Air Force Odiham, will visit RAF Odiham at 3.30.

Birthdays today

Miss Maria Aitken, actress, 49; Sir Lindsay Alexander, former deputy chairman, Lloyds Bank, 74; Viscount Allendale, 72; Mr Nicholas Barter, principal, Rada, 54; Colonel Sir Donald Cameron of Lochiel, KT, former Lord Lieutenant of Inverness, 84; Mr Alan Cathcart, chairman and chief executive, Avis, Europe, 51; Vice-Admiral Sir Peter Compston, 79; Professor Ronald Hedley, educationist, 77; Dr Basil Herbertson, former president, Hughes Hall, Cambridge, 73; Mr Ian Holm, actor, 63; Mr Kenneth Lo, Chinese cookery expert and tennis player, 81; Lord Milner of Leeds, 71; the Right Rev Alan Rogers, former Bishop of Mauritius, 87; Sir Arthur Sugden, former chief executive officer, Co-operative Wholesale Society, 76; Sir Gervas Walker, former chairman, Association of County Councils, 74; Professor George Zarnecki, art historian, 79.

School announcements

Rossall School

Mr Robert P. Shepherd has succeeded His Hon J.I. Murchie as Chairman of the Council of Rossall School.

Aiglon College

Term begins on September 15, when Mr Richard McDonald, MA (Oxon), takes up the appointment of Headmaster following the retirement after 18 years' service of Mr Philip Parsons, MA (Cantab). School Guardians are Sebastiano Andina and Farah Byramji. Long Expeditions leave on October 26. There will be a concert including *In Dulci Jubilo* by Buxtehude and Telemann's setting of Psalm 117 at Parents' Weekend, November 11 to 14 and the Carol Service will be on Sunday, December 11. Term ends on December 12.

New Hall School

Autumn term began on Monday, September 5, and ends on Friday, December 9. The formal opening and blessing of the new Preparatory School took place on the afternoon of September 5 and the chief Guests of Honour were the Mayor and Mayoress of Chelmsford. Mr Gerard Hudson is the Preparatory School's Headmaster. There will be an Open Afternoon for prospective parents and pupils of both the Preparatory and Senior Schools on Sunday, November 13. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred on members of the Senior School by the Bishop of Brentwood on December 4 and a Carol Service will take place later on the same day.

Northwood College, Northwood, Middlesex

Shobana Balaratnam continues as Head Girl this term with Joanna Hudson as her Assistant. The Centenary Library will be opened on October 4 by Miss Hillyer-Cole, Head Mistress of the College between 1966 and 1986. Open Day to the visitors will be on Saturday, October 15 and Tuesday, October 18. There will be three performances of *The Merchant of Venice* in November. The Guest of Honour at Speech Day on December 15 will be Professor David Warrell of the University of Oxford Department of Tropical Medicine.

St Francis' College, Letchworth

The Autumn Term began on Thursday, September 1, and will end on Friday, December 9. Prizegiving will be held on Friday, September 23, and the guest of honour will be Mrs Gillian Pearl. The College is holding an Open Morning on Saturday, October 8, and the Senior School production of *Daisy Pulls it Off* will be held in St Francis' Theatre on Friday and Saturday, December 2 and 3.

Truro High School

Term began on Wednesday, September 7. Prizegiving will be held in Truro Cathedral on Thursday, December 15, and the annual Carol Service on Tuesday, December 13. Old girls who wish to receive invitations to the reunion in 1996 to celebrate the Centenary of *Truro High School's move to* Falmouth Road should contact the Chairman of the Old Girls Association, c/o Truro High School, Falmouth Road, Truro, TR1 2HU.

Family claims museum would have angered composer

Opponents make final bid to halt Elgar centre

BY DALYA ALBERGE
ARTS CORRESPONDENT

MEMBERS of Sir Edward Elgar's family have found words from the composer himself to back their opposition to an Elgar museum and library being erected within yards of his birthplace at Broadheath, near Worcester.

Only weeks before building is due to begin the family, backed by local residents, including the violinist Nigel Kennedy, have retrieved a series of letters in which Elgar wrote lyrically about the countryside — his great source of musical inspiration. They have picked out lines in which he expressed his dismay at new buildings that would spoil the land.

The campaigners, led by Hilary Elgar and Mark and Paul Grafton, Elgar's great niece and great nephews, believe that the letters convey something of how Elgar might have felt about a building five times larger than the cottage in which he was born in 1857 being sited just 17 yards away.

Although the Victorian cottage and its overflowing Elgar memorabilia attract some 10,000 visitors a year, it is so tiny it can only take 15 to 20 people at a time.

In a letter of August 29, 1903, Elgar wrote to his publisher about having to move to Herefordshire from his house, Craeg Lea, in Malvern, where he composed *Gerontius*. He said: "We are almost certainly leaving here on account of the building which will spoil our heavenly view." There are several letters dating from 1899, when he had just moved into Craeg Lea, that refer to the inspiration of the landscape.

In a note written in 1917, he said: "If the old red house had been more free from surrounding new buildings, I would have ended my days in it." And in a letter of July 18, 1920, penned at his home in Sussex, he noted: "They have cut down the woods so much, and made a road etc, which alters the look of the place . . . too sad for words."

One Worcester resident, writing to the local paper, called the plan for a "pompous" exhibition centre "a total act of vandalism".

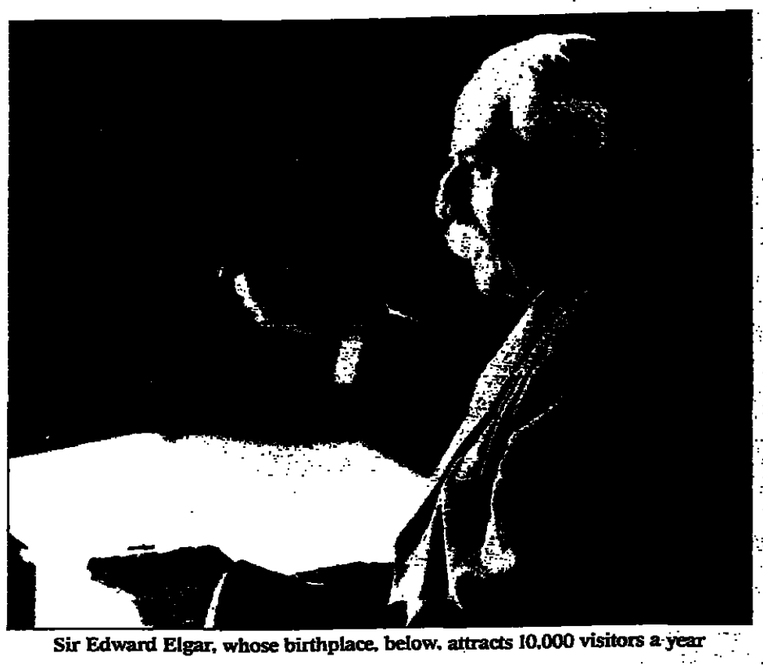
Sam White, chairman of the Elgar Birthplace Building Committee, rejects the criticism, arguing that there is evidence from both Elgar's late daughter, Carice, and his godson, Wulstan Atkins, 89, that Elgar wanted to see such a centre at Broadheath.

Tim Waterstone, chairman of the Elgar Foundation, said the committee was operating under a trust deed of 1955, which set out plans for a memorial and museum: the name of Carice is among the signatures.

Wulstan Atkins, whose father, Sir Ivor, was organist at Worcester Cathedral and was a close friend of Elgar, visited the composer regularly between 1923 and his death in 1934.

Mr Atkins vividly recalls a visit in 1933: while strolling with Elgar and his dog, "Elgar explained that he wanted the birthplace to be the memorial to him and his music and a centre where visitors, music students and especially schoolchildren would come at least once."

Mr White added: "It has been stated that the birthplace is in some idyllic setting. That is not true. It is in a fully-developed area on the outskirts of Worcester."



Sir Edward Elgar, whose birthplace, below, attracts 10,000 visitors a year



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Marriages

The Hon J.E. FitzRoy Newdegate and Miss G. Lodge

The marriage took place on Saturday at the Parish Church of St John the Baptist, Cirencester, Gloucestershire, of the Hon James Edward FitzRoy Newdegate, elder son of Viscount and Viscountess Daventry, of Arbury, Nuneaton, Warwickshire, to Miss Georgia Lodge, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs John Lodge, of Daglingworth Place, Cirencester. Canon Hedley Ringrose officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Viscount Garnock, Charles Remington Hobbs, Thomas Homer, William Kirkpatrick, Chase Kaars Sypestyn, Jasmine Ward and Laura Christopherson. The Hon Hugh FitzRoy Newdegate was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

The Hon Harry Bowyer and Miss B.H. Strachan

The marriage took place on Saturday at St Etheldreda's, Ely Place, EC1, of the Hon Harry Bowyer, younger son of Lord and Lady Denham, of Weston Underwood, to Miss Barbara Strachan, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs J.H. Strachan, of Ednaston, Derbyshire. Father C.B. Cunningham and Father B. Sparks officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Mrs Timothy Watts and Miss Maureen O'Connor. Mr Guy Hemsley was best man.

A reception was held at the London home of the groom's parents and the honeymoon will be spent in Paris and Scotland.

Captain P.J. Maine and Miss S.J. Alcock

The marriage took place on Saturday at the Church of St Mary Magdalene, Brampton, Cambridgeshire, of Captain Paul John Maine, Royal Tank Regiment, elder son of Mr and Mrs J.R. Maine, of Hove, East Sussex, to Miss Sally Alcock, elder daughter of Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael and Lady Alcock, of Brampton. Canon W. Debney officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Dr Emma Alcock, Miss Sara Truelove and Mrs Jenine Rees. Mr Steven Rees was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Mr J.R. Sale and Miss P.C. Trethowan

The marriage took place on Saturday at St Luke's, Milland, Sussex, of Mr Dick Sale, only son of Mr and Mrs Robert Sale, of Eryholme, Darlington, to Miss Pippa Trethowan, eldest daughter of the late Sir Ian Trethowan and of Lady Trethowan, of London and Bramshott Chase, Surrey. Canon Frank Ledgard and the Rev Graham Hawkett officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Alexandra Carnegie-Brown, Joanna Carnegie-Brown, Laura Sale, Rosie Riall and Jack Hammond. Mr Ned Pumphrey was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Mr A.C. Foucar and Miss S.C. Dobbs

The marriage took place on Saturday at Christ Church, Ballynure, County Antrim, of Major Adam Foucar, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Antony Foucar, of Wimbledon, London, to Miss Sophia Dobbs, daughter of Sir Richard and Lady Dobbs, of Castle Dobbs, Carrickfergus, County Antrim. The Rev John Bond officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Joanna Beaufoy, Louisa Dobbs, Christopher Dobbs and Alexander Wilson. Mrs Soniya Mackintosh Kahn was matron of honour and Mr Christopher Normand was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Mr J.R. Charsley and Miss D.A. Kennedy

The marriage took place on Saturday, September 3, at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Farm Street, London, between Mr James Robert Charnley and Miss Deirdre Kennedy. Father Michael Beattie, SJ, officiated, assisted by Father Patrick Pearson, Father John O'Connor and Father Thomas Farrell.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Dr Shelagh Turvill, Miss Louisa Kennedy, Miss Clare Hughes, Lauren Powell and Dónal King. Mr Thomas Charnley was best man.

A reception was held at The Great Hall, Lincoln's Inn, and the honeymoon is being spent in Kenya and Mauritius.

Mr D.R. Fish and Miss A.K. Howard

A service of blessing was held on Saturday at Croydon Parish Church, following the marriage between Mr David Fish, son of the late Mr and Mrs E.R. Fish, and Miss Anne Katherine Howard, daughter of Mr and Mrs G.J. Howard, of Shirley, Surrey. The Rev Robert Mitchell officiated.

A wedding breakfast was held at The Ockenden Manor, Cuckfield, West Sussex.

Mr R.N.S. Gow and Mlle B.M.C. Esquerré

The marriage took place on Saturday, September 10, at L'Eglise de Montlouis, Indre et Loire, between Mr Ross Neil Sutherland Gow and Mlle Brigitte (Bibi) Esquerré. Mr Charles Villiers was best man.

A dance was held at the Château de La Bourdaisière, Montlouis, and the honeymoon is being spent in the Italian Lakes.

Mr S. Hopkins and Miss C.A.H. Burrows

The marriage took place on Saturday, September 10, at Douai Abbey, of Mr Simon Hopkins, only son of Mr and Mrs Tudor Hopkins, of Welwyn, Hertfordshire, to Miss Clare Burrows, younger daughter of Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs T.R. Burrows, of Chieveley, Berkshire. Father Gervase Holdaway officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Joanna Simpson and Rebecca Hopkins. Mr Daniel Salmons and Mr Douglas Campbell were the best men.

The reception was held at the Officers' Mess, 42 Survey Engineer Group, and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Mr H.W.F.S. Nickerson and Miss R.M. Goulding

The marriage took place on Saturday, September 10, at Lincoln's Inn Chapel, London, between Mr Hugh Nickerson, younger son of the late Major George Nickerson and of Mrs George Nickerson, of Cour, Kintyre, and Miss Rachel Goulding, daughter of Mr and Mrs Marrack Goulding, of London and New York. The Right Rev Lord Coggan officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Isobel, Alice, Rosie and Clare Mostyn and Thomas and William De Ritter. Captain Harry Nickerson was best man.

A reception was held in the Great Hall, Lincoln's Inn, and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr C.L.H. Clark and Miss M.B. Bathurst

The engagement is announced between Charles, son of Mr and Mrs Leslie Clark, of Merle Common, Surrey, and Matilda, daughter of Viscount Bledisloe, QC, of Lydney Park, Gloucestershire, and Mrs Richard Strachan, of Whatmore Court, Shropshire.

Mr M.A. Frost and Miss K.I. Birchall

The engagement is announced between Matthew, second son of Christopher and Helga Frost, of Godalming, and Katharine, younger daughter of Mark and Iona Birchall, of Wandsworth.

Mr R.G.J. Stokes and Miss N.J. Hall

The engagement is announced between Rodney, younger son of the late Mr Raymond Stokes and of Mrs Stokes, of Ellesmere, Shropshire, and Nicky, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Hall, of Llansantffraid, Powys.

Nature notes

ARCTIC skuas are passing southward down the East Coast. They are fierce brown birds, with hooked beaks, and two long feathers projecting from their stubby tails. They pursue terns, kittiwakes and black-headed gulls, forcing their victim to drop the fish it is carrying, and catching it as it falls.

Many birds have now completed their moult. Starlings have a sparkling look, with pale tips to their new, glossy black feathers:



The skua

they have started to sing again. Young goldfinches have acquired the striped faces — red, white and black — of their parents: the family parties stay together, and may migrate to France or Spain if the weather turns severe.

Trees are generally still very green, but there are lemon-coloured patches on the limes, and some horse-chestnut leaves are turning red or purple. Common toadflax is still blooming in dry places: it is like a small garden snapdragon, with yellow flowers and an orange spot in the middle of the lower lip. Stinging nettles have chains of green flowers.

Red admiral butterflies are feeding on juicy fallen fruit. Some of them will soon migrate across the Channel: others will hibernate, though most will die. DJM

Memorial service

Mr John Curry

A memorial service for Mr John Curry was held yesterday at Conway Hall, Red Lion Square, London WC1. Mr David Turner, of the British Humanist Society, led the programme. Mr Alan Bates, Miss Millicent Martin, Mr Courtney Jones, Miss Lorna Brown, Mr Richard Digbyday and Mr Peter Land paid tribute. Miss Amelia Carrington, of the Vienna Festival Ballet, danced the mazurka and prelude from Tchaikovsky's *Les Sylphides*. Mr Peter Jones played the piano.

Dinner

English-Speaking Union

Mrs Valerie Mitchell, Director of the English-Speaking Union, was guest speaker at a dinner held on Saturday at the closing of the *ESU's cultural seminar at Sèvres*, Paris.

Service dinner

22nd (Cheshire) Regiment

Brigadier A.J.MacG. Percival, Colonel The 22nd (Cheshire Regiment), presided at the annual regimental officers' association dinner held on Saturday in the Town Hall, Chester. Among the guests were:

The Lord Lieutenant of Cheshire, the Lord Mayor of Chester, the deputy chairman, Cheshire County Council, the Dean of Chester, and Colonel D.C.N. Shaw, Divisional Colonel HQ Prince of Wales's Division.

Latest wills

Lord Hunter of Newington, of Barnt Green, Worcs, Vice-Chancellor and Principal of Birmingham University 1968-81, left estate valued at £55,877 net.

Mrs Joan Evelyn Bryer, of Pilley Bailey, Lymington, Hants, writer on yachting, left estate valued at £190,268 net.

Professor Charles Reginald Dodwell, of Taunton, Somerset, Pilkington, Professor of History of Art in the University of Manchester and Director of the Whitworth Art Gallery 1966-89, left estate valued at £136,978 net.

Mary Ethel Chamberlain, Marquesa De Silves, of Llandrindod Wells, Powys, left estate valued at £2,426,736 net.

Mrs Rene Eileen Yonall, of Kingston upon Thames, Surrey, left estate valued at £4,808,578 net.

Mr Peter Walter Cousins, of Shotesham All Saints, Norfolk, left estate valued at £9,256,184 net.

Violet Edith Lily Gamester, of Englefield Green, Surrey, left estate valued at £2,070,842 net. She died intestate.

Mr Reginald Graham Record, of Craven Arms, Salop £791,605

Mrs Winston Madge Roberts, of Great Comberton, Worcestershire £596,665

Mr George Burnyeat Turnbull, of Doncaster, South Yorkshire £2,025,691

Miss Margaret Winifred Sandford Shone, of Keswick, Cumbria £800,725

Mrs Janet Mary Wordsworth, of Collyweston, Northamptonshire £2,017,847

Mr Ronald Peacock, of Islington, London N1 ..... £788,666

Mrs Ella Wald, of London N2 ..... £906,924

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Sir William Dugdale, Garter King of Arms 1677-86, Shustoke, Warwickshire, 1605; John William Fletcher, clergyman, Nyon, Switzerland, 1729; Herbert Henry Asquith, 1st Earl of Oxford and Asquith, Prime Minister 1908-16, Morley, Yorkshire, 1852; H.L. Mencken, writer, Baltimore, Maryland, 1880; Maurice Chevalier, singer, Paris, 1888; Louis MacNeice, poet, Belfast, 1907; Jesse Owens, athlete, Danville, Alabama, 1913.

DEATHS: François Couperin (Le Grand), harpsichordist, Paris, 1733; Jean-Philippe Rameau, organist and composer, Paris, 1764; Gebhard von Blucher, field marshal, Silesia, 1819; Leonid Andreyev, novelist, Kuokkala, Finland, 1919; Robert Lowell, poet, New York, 1977.

Cleopatra's Needle was erected on the Thames Embankment, London, 1878.

Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia was deposed by a military coup, 1974.

Steve Biko, first President of the South African Students Organisation, died in jail, Pretoria, 1977.

Appointments in the Forces

Royal Navy and Royal Marines

COMMANDER: D P Baugdains - Exchange RAF 12.1.95; G F Baxter - Staff of CINCFLEET 9.12.94; D Ford - Excellent 2.12.94; R E Laverty - MOD London 17.3.95; J W Parker - Dryad 28.10.94; I Stanley - Staff of FONA 2.12.94; L Van Beek - Staff of FOSF 4.11.94.

PROMOTIONS

CAPTAIN: R S Langton - 22.11.94.

The Army

COLONEL: M R Townsend - To HQ & Cen Gp RADC 8.9.94; D P Flemming-Jones - To 3 Dent Gp, 14.9.94; R S Jeffrey - To 7 Dent Gp, 13.9.94; A D Meek - To ITC Wales, 16.9.94; E J Torrens-Spence - To MOD 12.9.94; R K Williams - To be Comd RA Range Hebrides, 14.9.94.

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL: B Barclay RADC - To 3 Dent Gp, 6.9.94; F J Cunningham RADC - To Primary Health & Dent Care Svcs(G), 7.9.94; C Dieppe RAMC - To Primary Health & Dent Care Svcs(G), 6.9.94; C Hannon RAMC - To HQ Catterick Gar, 10.9.94; M J Von Bertele RAMC - To HQ AAC HQ UKLF, 5.9.94; J W A Harvey RAMC - To AMS Trg Gp, 12.9.94.

Royal Air Force

AIR COMMODORE: P Q Sturley - To HQ NATO 12.9.94; B K Burridge - To MOD 12.9.94

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BIRTHS

GARNHAM - On September 9th 1994, to Amanda (née Whittle) and Piers, a son.

NEVILLE - On August 4th to Elizabeth (née Terry) and Michael, a son, George Titus Conrad.

PERRY-DUXBURY - On August 27th, at home to Jessica Duxbury and V.Hugh Perry, a daughter, Megan Sarah Conjole.

VILLAROSA SEFERIADES - On 26th August '94 to Tina and Ilias, a daughter, Eugenia Georgia, a sister for Anastasia.

WELLS - On September 6th 1994 to Isobel (née Cook) and Norman, a daughter (Veronica Sylvia Margaret) a sister for Alexander.

WOLSTENHOLME - On September 9th at Matlock Hospital Hong Kong to Caroline (née Barnes Yallowley) and Andrew, a son, Harold, a brother for Lottie and Arthur.

DEATHS

ALSTON - Rex (Arthur Reginald) on September 8th, peacefully at home, aged 95, after a short illness. Formerly of the BBC. Beloved husband of Joan and much loved by his children Gay and Graham, his stepchildren Ione, Angela and Alan and by all his grandchildren. Funeral Service St Peter and St Paul Church, Ewhurst, Surrey, at 2.30 pm on Friday 16th September 1994. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to the Imperial Cancer Research Fund. Enquiries to Pimm's Funeral Services of Cranleigh (0483-274079).

DEATHS

BEEVOR - On September 9th 1994, peacefully after a short illness, Miles Beevor, aged 94, widower of Sybil and much loved father and grandfather. Funeral private. Donations, if desired, to The Hertfordshire Conservation Society, 29A Mill Lane, Welwyn, Herts, AL6 9EU.

BLANK - On September 7th at home, Lona aged 79, formerly of Danemham, Hants, beloved widow of Terence, much loved and loving mother of Lynette and Wendy and grandmother of Nicola, Wendy-Lynne, Michael and Kenny. Funeral Service at Reading Crematorium, 12.30pm Friday 16th September. Family flowers only, donations, if desired, The British Heart Foundation.

COKER - On September 7th in a Scarborough hospital, Gaynor Mary, aged 83 years. Formerly of Grays, Essex and Lee, SE12. Much loved mother of Jane and Giles and their families. Funeral Service and cremation at Woodlands Crematorium, Scarborough, on Thursday 15th September at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, to the British Red Cross Society.

DANIEL - On 7th September 1994, peacefully, Nicholas Moore Daniel M.C., beloved by his wife June, daughter Sarah and stepdaughters Carole and Sara. Service on Friday 16th September 1994 Downs Crematorium, Bear Road, Brighton at 12.30 pm. Flowers or donations if desired to the Royal British Legion c/o Attree & Kent, 108 Church Road, Hove BN3 2EB. tel: (0273) 821985.

DEATHS

ENOCH - Stella Lilian, peacefully in Linthorpe Nursing Home (Middlesbrough), September 9th, beloved Aunt of Bill, Joan, Peter and Micky, sadly missed sister in law of June. Cortege leaves nephews resident at 1.15pm on Wednesday September 14th for 1.30pm service and cremation, St Bedes Chapel, Teeside Crematorium, friends please meet at crematorium chapel, reading at Ralph Funeral Service, 45 Kings Road, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough. Tel: 0642 246296

GUIDO - Cecily Margaret (Peggy) died suddenly at the Royal United Hospital, Bath, on 8th September 1994. She will be sadly missed by her family and friends. Private funeral to be held at Salisbury Crematorium on Wednesday 14th September at 11.40 am. Any enquiries to Stuart Funeral Services, (01380) 725883.

HALFORD - On September 8th peacefully at her son's home after a long illness, Winifred Charlotte dearest widow of Sidney Thomas and mother of Ian and Neil. Funeral Service at St Thomas's Church, Groombridge, Sussex on Wednesday September 14th at 3.15pm followed by cremation at Tunbridge Wells. Family flowers only please but donations if desired to Hospice at Home c/o R Medhurst F/D, Vine House, Hartfield, Sussex TN7 4AD.

DEATHS

HERBERT - Gerald Alan Joffre of Garden Terrace, Earsdon, late of London, in hospital on 8th September, aged 79 years. Very dearly loved husband of Margaret. Cremation at Tynemouth Crematorium on Friday 16th September at 11.30 am - friends please meet at crematorium. Family flowers only please. Donations in lieu, if desired, to Arthritis and Rheumatism Council for Research, Melrose House, East Sheilburn, Bedlington.

LLEWELLYN - On 8th September 1994 at home, Michael Rowland Goddyn, Second Baronet, much loved husband of Janet and father of Sarah, Carolyn and Lucy. Family funeral at St John the Baptist Church, Penmaen, on Wednesday 14th September at 3 pm. Memorial Service will be announced later. Enquiries to Paul Murray, William Prosser Funeral Directors, tel: (01792) 366813.

NARGLE - On Sept 9, 1994, peacefully after a short illness at Pinewood Lodge, South Brent, aged 88 years, George Slater Nargle, Lieutenant Colonel, D.S.O., O.B.E., 9th Gurkha Rifles. Beloved husband of the late Clemency, dear father of Anne and Juliet, loving grandfather of Edward, Emma and William Thomas. Also of Michael, Funeral service at St Michael and All Angels, Sherborne on Thursday 15th September at 2.00pm. Family flowers. Donations, if desired, to The Gurkha Welfare Trust, c/o Perring Funeral Services 101a High Street, Totnes, Devon.

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Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or to be represented at the meeting.
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(b) Proxies for use at the meeting must also be lodged with the administrative receivers.
J.C.J Henderson, Joint Administrative Receiver 6 September 1994.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Ian Fraser, Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Ian Fraser & Co., 47 Castle, Cowcaddens, 24 Cowcaddens Place, London, W2 1EP was appointed Liquidator of the above-named company on the 7th September 1994.
All creditors who have not already done so are required to prove their debts in writing to the Ian Fraser at Cowcaddens House, 24 Cowcaddens Place, London W2 1EP, by [illegible] next.
Dated this 8th day of September 1994.
SIGNED: JOHN MASON, LIQUIDATOR.

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All creditors who have not already done so are required to prove their debts in writing to the said Liquidator at Cowcaddens House, 24 Cowcaddens Place, London W2 1EP by [illegible] next.
Dated this 8th day of September 1994.
SIGNED: JOHN MASON, LIQUIDATOR.

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Public Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Regulation 14(1) of the Merchant Shipping (Accident Reporting and Investigation) Regulations 1994, the Chief Inspector of Marine Accidents has reopened in part the Inspector's Inquiry into the explosion which occurred on board the MT ESSO MERSEY at the Fawley Oil Refinery, Southampton on 4 September 1991.

That part of the Inspector's Inquiry which has been reopened, in the light of new evidence, relates solely to the criticism in the Report of the Chief Inspector of Marine Accidents, published on 28 January 1993, that a principal contributory factor of the accident was "a failure on the part of the contractor...to exercise acceptable quality control procedures" during the refurbishments of the rotating element of the No.4 cargo pump.

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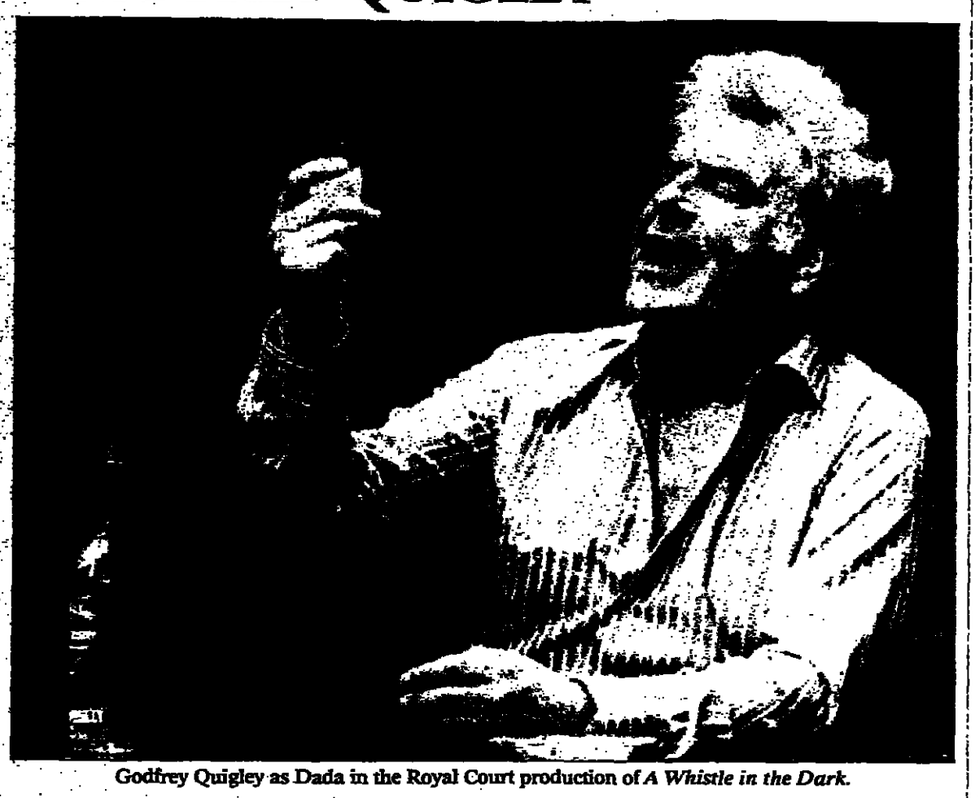
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OBITUARIES

GODFREY QUIGLEY

Godfrey Quigley, actor, died in Dublin on September 7 aged 71. He was born on May 5, 1923.



Godfrey Quigley as Dada in the Royal Court production of *A Whistle in the Dark*.

GODFREY QUIGLEY, whose career in the Irish theatre spanned more than 40 years, became an actor by default. He had wanted to study law, but was banned from Trinity College by the then Archbishop of Dublin, Dr John Charles McQuaid, who feared that Catholics might be corrupted by attending a "Protestant" university.

Quigley's loss to the law proved to be a very substantial gain for the Irish theatre. Although starting his acting career late — at 24 — he quickly became a powerhouse on the local scene. He worked with both the Abbey and Gate companies in Dublin, helped to found the Globe Theatre in Dun Laoire — it closed in 1960 — and was later involved in the establishment of the Dublin Theatre Festival.

He toured with Anew McMaster and worked with the great names of Irish theatre — Hilton Edwards and Michael Macliammoir, Siobhan McKenna, Cyril Cusack, Jack McGowran and Michael O'Herlihy. His roles ranged from Shakespeare and Shaw to modern playwrights such as Hugh Leonard and Tom Murphy.

He was a member of the Royal Shakespeare Company, a regular performer in the West End and toured in North America and South Africa. His film roles included *Arms and the Man* with a young Marlon Brando — "it was very amusing, the pauses were very long," he remarked later — and *Clockwork Orange*, directed by Stanley Kubrick. He also worked under the directors John Ford and Tyrone Guthrie, and subsequently did some directing himself.

Godfrey Quigley was born in Jerusalem, where his father — a native of Co Sligo in the west of Ireland — was serving as a major in the British Army. His mother was Irish-American. They returned to Ireland when he was 13 and young Quigley found himself the target of school bullies for his "plummy English accent," as he put it.

He finished his education at Belvedere College in Dublin, only to find that his plans for a career in law had been thwarted by the Archbishop of Dublin. Instead he followed his father into the armed services, joining the RAF. Four years later he was back in Dublin but without any qualifications for a job.

A friend, the late actress Marie Kean, suggested that he try acting. She brought him to see Ria Mooney at the Abbey, who told him: "If you could survive with very little money, you could make an actor, but in your case I doubt if you ever will." He signed up for the Abbey School of Acting — and proved her wrong. "I became an actor to cope with a world I couldn't cope with," he said later.

Quigley, the ultimate pro, took his work seriously — and his audiences returned the compliment. He liked to recall his experience after a 39-week stint playing a doctor in an ITV series titled *24-Hour Call*. "I was walking down the street when suddenly a woman rushed up to me and said: 'Doctor, my husband has developed a bad knee. Could you come and have a look?' I had to remind her gently: 'Missus, I'm an actor, not a doctor.'"

The Globe Theatre, which he founded in the 1950s with Jack McGowran, Michael O'Herlihy and Denis Brennan, kept the flag of innovation flying for several years, while operating on a shoestring. But Quigley closed it in 1960, angry and disillusioned, and took off for London to pursue his career. A stage version of *The Ginger Man*, in which he was appearing with Richard Harris at Dublin's Gaiety Theatre, had been taken off following objections. "I closed the Globe because they closed *The Ginger Man* on me," he said.

But by the mid-1960s he was back in Dublin, directing the premiere of Eugene McCabe's *The King of the Castle*, a controversial play that caused more protests and walk-outs, this time at the Abbey. But on this occasion Quigley did not depart in dudgeon and set about confirming his reputation as one of Ireland's finest actors.

His performance in the Tom Murphy play *The Gigli Concert* in 1984 won him a Harvey's Award as Best Actor of the Year. So immersed did Quigley become in the difficult and demanding role, that of an Irishman who wants to sing like Gigli so that he can bury his unpleasant past in the beauty of music, that he almost suffered a breakdown.

He followed that with another memorable performance as the cowardly, pontificating Dada in Murphy's most disturbing play, *A Whistle in the Dark*, in which he could be seen at the Royal Court Theatre as recently as 1989.

Last year, when it became known he was ill with Alzheimer's Disease, friends and colleagues organised a benefit performance of Anthony's Shaffer's *Sleuth* in Dublin's Olympia Theatre to raise funds to provide him with a chair-lift. The benefit quickly turned into a theatrical tribute, including a special message of appreciation from Ireland's President, Mary Robinson.

Godfrey Quigley was married to the author Genevieve Lyons and they had one daughter, Michele. The couple separated many years ago and Quigley's partner for a long time had been the actress Liz Davis. She survives him, as do his wife and daughter.

L. N. BIRLA

Laxmi Niwas Birla, Indian businessman and philanthropist, died in London on August 29 aged 85. He was born on July 11, 1909.



TO HIS employees, Laxmi Niwas Birla was a gentle patriarch. To his friends, he was an enlightened guru who could talk for hours on subjects ranging from banking and insurance to the folklore of his native state of Rajasthan. Like his father G. D. Birla, he believed that a successful industrialist must have interests other than just making money. Despite a flourishing business empire, the chairman of Birla Brothers Private actively involved himself in promoting the cause of literacy, female education, health care and Hindu culture.

Popularly known as "L. N.", Laxmi Niwas Birla was born in the small town of Pilani in the desert Indian state of Rajasthan. The Birlas belonged to the Marwari community. Abundant with rags-to-riches stories, the Marwaris are known for their business acumen and have spread throughout India.

In 1924, at the age of 15, G. D. Birla initiated his eldest son Laxmi Niwas into the family business, and soon the younger Birla acquired the reputation of being a financial genius. He successfully built up one of India's largest banks, the United Commercial Bank, and an insurance business network in India, the United States and Southeast Asia. He pioneered copper mining in his state of Rajasthan and acquired interests in coal mining, owning six large coal mines. Already by the mid-1940s L.N. Birla had become an influential voice in Indian industry.

He served as the president of the Indian Chamber of Commerce, 1951-52, and later as the president of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry, 1967-68. He was the third Birla, after G. D. and B. M. Birla, to preside over the FICCI. His fortune, however, considerably declined when his company's mining and insurance interests were nationalised. Later, in 1973, Indira Gandhi nationalised the large commercial banks, including United Commercial Bank. But this was not the end for L. N. Birla by any means since he had also developed vast interests in textiles, plastics, chemicals, cement, steel and engineering.

Like his father, he eventually unburdened himself from the pressing responsibilities of running a large business empire and delegated them to his son and grandson. He devoted himself to the things he had always wanted to do, which meant promoting education, health care and Hindu culture. In Calcutta he set up two girls colleges and, at his birthplace Pilani in Rajasthan, he established the famous Birla Science Museum. He later became the chairman of the Birla Education Trust, running a large number of educational institutions all over India, with a total strength of nearly 40,000 students.

After the death of G. D. Birla in 1983, L. N. Birla assumed his mantle as head of the family. Three years later the members of the Birla clan assembled at his house on Alipur Road, Calcutta, and he achieved something which rarely happens in India's big business families — the division of assets without recriminations. He was gentle, persuasive and mild-mannered and, therefore, respected among family and friends.

Laxmi Niwas Birla was a devout Hindu and a philanthropist. He enjoyed reading and occasional writing. In his book *A Struggle for Growth* he passionately argued for economic reform in the days when state control was fashionable and the free market was frowned upon. *Uma's Tapsya* was a book of English verse based on mythological episodes in the life of the Hindu god Shiva and his consort Parvati. But his most fascinating work was *Folklores of Rajasthan* — tales of love and sacrifice, chivalry and deceit. For most of his life, Birla lived in Calcutta, but he never forgot his roots. He remained deeply indebted to the Rajasthani culture and Marwari language.

He is survived by his son and two daughters.

PROFESSOR R. A. BUCKINGHAM

R. A. Buckingham, Professor of Computer Education, Birkbeck College, 1974-78, died on August 13 aged 83. He was born on July 17, 1911.



AS THE first and only Director of the University of London Institute of Computer Science, Dick Buckingham played a key role in the development of computer science as a mainstream subject in the university. He became Director of the University of London Computer Unit when it was first established in 1957, using the Ferranti Mercury computer, and was soon also developing associated postgraduate and other courses.

With Atlas replacing the Mercury in 1963, the Atlas Computing Service was established as a separate organisation and has since evolved to become the University of London Computer Centre. This now provides a service for researchers needing very high speed and hence highly parallel computing. Buckingham was made the university's first Professor of Computing Science in 1963 and continued to direct the developing academic work, resulting in the establishment of the unit as a senate institute in 1964.

Although a numerical analyst and already in his fifties, Buckingham had a clear understanding of the role and increasing impact of the computer in areas far removed from the numerical computational needs of science and engineering, the original motivation for its development. He also understood the need for academic work within the university context to be related to those other uses; and recognised that this need would be increasingly important, a view not universal among numerical analysts of his generation. He thus encouraged a breadth of interest at the institute and a wide range of topics in its postgraduate courses.

With the development of departments of computer science in some of the multi-faculty colleges of the university during the late 1960s, and the recognition of the need for such departments in others, there were inevitable difficulties in the early 1970s because of the limited resources in the university, and the somewhat exclusive style adopted by the institute. The need was for the institute to foster a role complementary to, rather than competitive with, developments in the colleges. This conflict was not resolved, and in 1973 the institute closed, with the academic staff moving to various colleges of the university either as the founder members of new departments or to strengthen existing departments.

Buckingham himself moved to Birkbeck to join its department of computer science as Professor of Computer Education and to direct a very successful MSc course in computer management which he had initiated at the institute just previously and which transferred with him. This MSc was concerned particularly with the problems of establishing computer centres and their management in developing countries and recruited senior people largely from overseas seeking to gain from the experience of this country. He had a keen interest in foreign travel and this course gave him many overseas contacts and much satisfaction in encouraging their work. He retired in 1978 and was made Professor Emeritus.

Always supportive of the work of the British Computer Society and a member of its council for 12 years, he served on many of its committees related to education and was the first chairman of the BCS Examinations Council. He chaired the education committee of the International Federation for Information Processing, 1968-79, and remained an active member of the federation until shortly before his death.

Richard Arthur Buckingham was educated at Gresham's School, Holt, and St John's College, Cambridge. He was an assistant lecturer in mathematical physics at Queen's University, Belfast, 1935-38, and went on for the next two years to be senior 1851 exhibitioner at University College London and at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. During the Second World War he served at the Admiralty Research Laboratories and at the Mine Design Department, Havant.

Appointed a lecturer in mathematics at University College London in 1945, he transferred to a lectureship in physics in 1950, becoming Reader in physics in 1951 and continuing to hold the post until 1967. In addition to research publications, the work of those years led to a substantial text, *Numerical Methods* (1959).

In 1939 he married Christine O'Brien who survives him, together with their son and two daughters.

SISTER PARISH



Sister Parish, American interior designer, died on September 8 aged 84. She was born in Morristown, New Jersey, on July 15, 1910.

FOR sixty years Sister Parish proved a restraining, conservative influence on American interior design. She was a close friend of the late Nancy Lancaster — a niece of Nancy Astor — and, like her, favoured the understated English country house look — Colefax & Fowler chintzes, overstuffed armchairs, squashy brocade sofas. In her hands the style was given an unexpected twist with the addition of native American designs, like patchwork quilts and four-poster beds.

Her clients were drawn from America's oldest, wealthiest families — the Astors, Mellons, Rockefellers, Vanderbilts and Whitneys. Her biggest project came when Jacqueline Kennedy, then the new first lady, asked her advice on the restoration of the White House (she had been appalled at the drabness of the place when she first moved in). The Kennedys had already used Sister Parish to decorate their Georgetown home.

Sister Parish's designs for the White House — for which Jacqueline Kennedy took much of the credit — were certainly a welcome blend of simplicity and opulence. But, however successful the transformation, there were persistent rumours — never scotched — that she left the Kennedys as the result of a rift. She was certainly an outspoken, forthright woman, and had reportedly been dismissed for telling their daughter Caroline to keep her feet off the upholstery.

Dorothy May Kinnicut was known as Sister from childhood, being the first girl born into a family that already had three sons. Her father was a wealthy stockbroker with homes in Manhattan, Maine, Paris and New Jersey. She was educated at the fashionable Foxcroft School in Virginia, where she described herself as an "utter failure", and at 19 married Henry Parish, another stockbroker. Both he and her father, however, were ruined in 1929 by the Wall Street crash and, with a six-month-old baby to feed, Sister Parish decided to go into business on her own account.

Renting a small shop in Far Hills, New Jersey, and borrowing some furniture from home, she set herself up as an interior designer. By the second week she had been given two large commissions.

Towards the end of the Kennedy project, in 1962, she joined forces with Albert Hadley in Manhanan, and the company was renamed Parish-Hadley. The firm became well known in Britain over the years and Sister Parish was approached to design the interior of the Duke and Duchess of York's controversially modern house, Sunninghill Park in Berkshire, in 1988. The contract was eventually given to a British designer because, it was reported, the Queen thought Parish's plans were too expensive.

As a designer, Parish was not concerned with innovation. She aimed instead for a sense of permanence, comfort and continuity in her designs. She would go to considerable lengths to please her clients. For William Paley, the chairman of CBS, she had a painter work for five months on a single bedroom in his Fifth Avenue apartment, applying 18 coats of paint with six different shadings merely for the base.

Sister Parish was widowed in 1977, and is survived by her two daughters.

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THE NORFOLK BROADS

LIMITS OF PRIVATE OWNERSHIP

(From our Special Correspondent)
Norwich Sept. 11.

The movement to give the public free access to those of the Norfolk Broads which are now wholly or partially closed has reached a critical stage. A local committee appointed last year to deal with the matter considers that no further progress can be made until the limits of private property on the broads have been authoritatively ascertained, and it is suggested that the Government may be induced to set up a committee to investigate the titles. In the meanwhile with the object of broadening the basis of the campaign, and eliciting interest among lovers of the broads who live outside Norfolk, it is intended to seek the support of the National Playing Fields Association.

In the early stages of the agitation, the chairman of the local committee, General Sir Edwin Alderson, commodore of the Broads Cruising Association, personally approached the owners of the broads in question. As a result of his efforts the position has been considerably changed. Attention was concentrated on Hoveton Great Broad, Ranworth Broad, and South Walsham, which are all within easy reach of Norwich and are accessible to river craft of all kinds. In the case of Hoveton Great Broad it appeared that the owner was willing that it should be open during the months of July, August, and part of September, provided that the shooting and fishing tenant made no objection; when the matter was pursued further it was found that this arrangement would necessitate a reduction of the shooting and fishing rents, and some outlay of money on necessary alterations; chiefly on this account, I am informed the proposal fell to the ground. The giving of access to part of the Ranworth Broad was conditional upon the opening of Hoveton Great Broad. The South Walsham Great Broad, on which sailing is allowed, could not be opened to the general public. The owners of each of these broads maintained their legal power to close the broads should the privileges offered be abused.

Mr A.A. Rice, the promoter of the movement and the secretary of the local committee, contends that the whole of the broads should be formed into a national trust, thus ensuring free access for the public to all the waterways. It is part of his case that certain of the owners are doing nothing to keep the broads in a proper condition: Hoveton Great Broad, he alleges, is gradually filling up, and on some of the other broads a number of public stathes or mooring-places have disappeared. Before the public is asked to pay anything for the privilege of access to the broads, he says it should be made clear that private persons can legally be said to own them; he had no doubt that in some cases private ownership could be proved, and when that had been done he thought the public might be prepared to subscribe "in order to buy what we feel we ought to have; but before we pay anything," he added, "we should like to know that we are not paying for something which is really our own."

ON THIS DAY

September 12 1925

Conflict of interests has always bedevilled the regulation and use of the Norfolk Broads. Nearly 70 years ago it was proposed that the area should become a national trust.

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NEWS

Tory chiefs try to stifle rebellion

■ Tory party chiefs are trying to prevent next month's conference from developing into a grassroots revolt against the Government. The publication today of the agenda will confirm widespread concern over the Government's performance on tax, public spending and crime.

The moves came as Jeremy Hanley, Tory Party chairman, admitted that there was a question mark over his ability to do the job after his astonishing blunder over crowd violence at a boxing match ..... Pages 1, 19

UN arms embargo warning for Major

■ Britain's senior military adviser is expected to warn John Major of the risks facing 3,300 British troops in Bosnia-Herzegovina if it is decided to lift the UN arms embargo against the Bosnian Muslims ..... Pages 1, 11

Jessica Tandy dies

Jessica Tandy, the London-born actress who won fame on Broadway as the original Blanche DuBois in *A Streetcar Named Desire*, has died in Connecticut aged 85 ..... Page 1

Ceasefire 'progress'

The British Government moved closer to accepting that the IRA ceasefire is permanent after Douglas Hurd spoke of "progress in the right direction even in the last days" ..... Pages 1, 7

Health care export

Dr Clive Froggatt, one of the architects of the health reforms is giving up his medical practice to export the changes around the world ..... Page 2

Mont Blanc search

Two English-speaking climbers are still missing on Mont Blanc five days after their faint plea for help was received by mountain rescuers ..... Page 3

Solicitors' fees up

Solicitors outside London have increased their fees sharply over the past year, with legal advice to private clients costing an average of £90 an hour, and in some cases up to £170 ..... Page 8

Epic voyage

A replica Vickers Vimy aircraft left the Farnborough air show in Hampshire to re-create the first flight to Australia 75 years ago ..... Page 5

New casino games

The first new games for 25 years are likely to be permitted in British casinos next year as restrictions on the clubs are gradually eased ..... Page 9

Cuban panic

Cubans packed the shores near Havana in a last mad rush to leave the country before President Castro implements an immigration agreement with the US to halt the exodus ..... Page 13

Deal on Golan

Yitzhak Rabin, Israel's Prime Minister, called on President Assad of Syria to sanction secret peace talks as moves towards a deal over the Golan Heights gathered momentum ..... Page 15

Parliament dissolved

President Meshkov of Crimea has dissolved parliament, denouncing it as corrupt, and adopted near-dictatorial powers ..... Page 12

Nato front-runner

Willy Claes, the Belgian Foreign Minister, has emerged as the leading candidate to become Nato's Secretary-General in succession to the late Manfred Wörner ..... Page 12

Kabul attack

Rocket attacks killed one child and injured several others yesterday in north Kabul — an average day in the city that is the lingering legacy of the Cold War ... Page 14

Milton Keynes witches hail rite decision

■ White witches in Milton Keynes were jubilant after being given permission by borough councillors to celebrate ancient fertility rites in a public park. The witches will congregate at Elfield Park to mark Hallowe'en. Martin Prop, a high priest, denied that satanic rituals would play any part in the celebrations ..... Page 2

RICHARD RAYNER



Delycia Johnson, a head teacher from Bishop Auckland, Co Durham, who started painting as therapy after a crippling back injury, with the work that has won her a major amateur art prize only three months after she took up the hobby. Report, page 6

SPORT

Football: Manchester United were beaten for the first time in the Premiership this season, losing 2-1 to Leeds United at Elland Road. After five matches, last year's champions are in fifth place, five points behind the leaders, Newcastle ..... Page 23

Motor racing: Damon Hill overcame the home challenge of Ferrari to win the Italian Grand Prix at Monza and move to within 11 points of Michael Schumacher in the championship ..... Page 24

Golf: David Gilford won the European Open at the East Sussex National course ..... Page 27

BUSINESS

Housing: The recovery in the housing market appears to have stalled, according to the latest economic bulletin published by Lloyds Bank ..... Page 44

Taxation: The Treasury has rejected calls for a Royal Commission into the British tax system after the Institute of Taxation gave warning that it was "in grave danger of collapsing" ..... Page 44

Flotation: Thorn Lighting Group plans a stock market flotation through a placing and public offer later this year in a move likely to capitalise the group at more than £225 million ..... Page 44

Lost companion: Peter Ackroyd, the author, talks to Julia Llewellyn Smith about Brian Kuhn, his lost love. "There was something that was bigger than both of us and that was my work. I lived for that and Brian lived for me" ..... Page 16

Fashion: Iain R. Webb on House of Fraser's £3.5 million refurbishment of its flagship store, Dickins & Jones ..... Page 17

Universal history: Reviews of Theodore Zeldin's *An Intimate History of Humanity* and Richard Mabey's *Landlocked* ..... Page 33

Musical chairs: First it was announced that Ian Ritchie, General Director of Opera North, was resigning prematurely; then Matthew Epstein left Welsh National Opera early. Rodney Milnes reports on the turmoil in Britain's opera companies ..... Page 31

Last Night of the Proms: One hundred years of the Henry Wood Promenade Concerts have been celebrated in one of the most revelatory seasons ..... Page 31

Devilish delight: Whatever its moral pretensions, the National's new staging of Shaw's *The Devil's Disciple* is terrific fun ..... Page 32

PEOPLE IN THE TIMES



Gillian Shephard, the Education Secretary, has dashed the hopes of traditionalists for a widespread return to grammar schools
Pages 5 and 35



Steve Backley, whose victory in the javelin helped the British men's team to second place behind Africa in the athletics World Cup at Crystal Palace
Page 23



Ben Tibber, an easygoing four-year-old, is already a veteran on the booming child modelling circuit
Page 8

THE TIMES TOMORROW

Booker of the record world

■ The Mercury Music Prize, originally a marketing tool for the record industry, has become as prestigious in the arts world as the Booker or the Turner

Landscape with sculptures

■ In recent years, the art of displaying sculpture outdoors has made enormous advances. We have finally realised that hauling lumps of metal and stone into parkland is not enough

No smoke without legal fees

■ Lawyers are rubbing their hands as actions against the tobacco industry spread to Britain from America

A *Late Show* special looks at the media obsession with the forthcoming murder trial of O. J. Simpson, the American football star. *O. J. Mania: The Media Trial of O. J. Simpson* (BBC2, 11.15pm) ..Page 43
Radio, page 42

Lost exuberance

This week marks precisely the second anniversary of Britain's economic revival: September 16, 1992 ..... Page 19

In Singapore

In the weeks since *The Times* first revealed the latest Archer affair, the ramifications of the saga have spread widely ..... Page 19

Bogey in the backyard

The Castro complex sets the Cuban dictator apart from all other bogeymen in the rich tapestry of American political mythology ..... Page 19

WILLIAM REES-MOGG

The connection with the Democrats in the United States, far from being an asset for Labour, may soon become a liability from which Tony Blair should distance himself ..... Page 18

PETER RIDDELL

A cruel paradox faces John Major — the more he reduces inflation, the less benefit he receives politically. This helps to explain why Mr Major is not yet out of the woods with his own party ..... Page 18

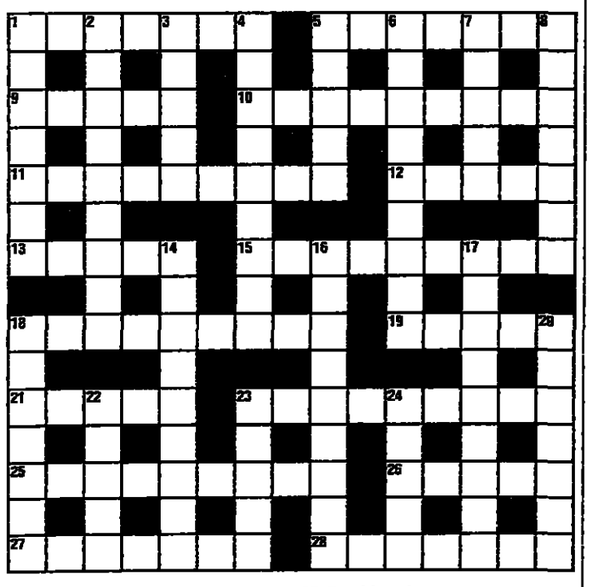
Godfrey Quigley, Irish theatre actor; **R. A. Buckingham**, former Professor of Computer Education, Birkbeck College; **L. N. Birla**, Indian businessman and philanthropist; **Sister Parish**, American interior designer ..... Page 21

Debate on the cost of the monarchy ..... Page 19

If the Clinton Administration helps to bring off an Israel-Syrian accord, it will deserve full credit for determined nurturing
—The New York Times

Mr Knapp should take up Labour's proposal for settlement by binding arbitration
—Independent on Sunday

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 19,645



ACROSS

1 People in a mess might well call for his services (7).
5 Woman is out of bed getting some cheese (7).
9 Firm receiving bill with a raw material for making chocolate (5).
10 Divided about cribbed article and apologetic (9).
11 European project accepted by youth with little hesitation (9).
12 Put in order for a large stove (5).
13 Original in her flower-arranging (5).
15 Few are reflective about financial liabilities, though honest (9).
18 The Spanish dish is about to turn brown — have a cigar (9).
19 Sense this could be a good deal (5).
21 Mademoiselle's send-off (5).
23 Acknowledgment of concession (9).
25 Reaching the mean state — getting on in years (9).
26 Sound record made by famous pianist (5).
27 Egghead back from the Orient (7).
28 A lever's setting altered as required (7).

DOWN

1 It's left in mug for nursing mother (7).
2 Leaving out the objection (9).
3 A capital perfume! (5).
4 Dread injury to unlucky stuntman (4-5).
5 He produces cordage with some special properties (5).
6 Caught over brochures, gets less (9).
7 Aim to take public transport (5).
8 Readiness of a head to retain physical training (7).
14 In Parisian trip, there should be time for 7 (9).
16 Set up diverting warning for drivers (4,5).
17 Classified as awfully grandiose! (9).
18 Put a hundred in the salver to be conciliatory (7).
20 A hold-up for the board (7).
22 They're thought to turn aside (5).
23 Make a row (5).
24 Spring up to the end of June in general? (5).

KNOCKANDO

The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 19,644 will appear next Saturday. The five winners will receive a bottle of Knockando, a superb Speyside Single Malt Scotch whisky and a fine leather credit card wallet.

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Saturday: Highest day temp: Manston, Kent 19C (66F), lowest day max: Lerwick, Shetland 12C (54F); highest rainfall: Buxton, Derbyshire 1.08in; highest sunshine: Tenby, Dyfed 13h

WEATHER

☐ **General:** southern areas of England and Wales will start cloudy with some outbreaks of rain. Drier, brighter weather will spread slowly east, reaching all parts by late afternoon.

North Wales and northern England will become cloudy, with rain likely later, especially over northeast England.

Much of Scotland and Northern Ireland will be rather cloudy, although there will be some bright or sunny intervals. A few showers, especially over northern Scotland, where it could be wetter for a time. Southeast Scotland will become cloudy with rain.

Remaining rather cool.

☐ **London, SE England, E Anglia, E Midlands, E England:** cloudy with outbreaks of rain. Drier and brighter later. Wind west to southwest moderate to fresh. Max 15 to 18C (59 to 64F).

☐ **Central S England, W Midlands, Channel Isles, SW England, S Wales:** dull with rain at first. Brighter later with a few showers. Wind west to southwest moderate to fresh. Max 16 to 17C (61 to 63F).

☐ **N Wales, NW England, Lakes, IoM:** dry start. Becoming mainly cloudy with showers. Wind north to northeast light. Max 15 to 17C (59 to 63F).

☐ **Cent N, NE England, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee:** becoming cloudy. Rain later. Wind northeast light to moderate. Max 14 to 16C (57 to 61F).

☐ **Aberdeen, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Cent Highlands, Argyll, N Ireland:** rather cloudy. Bright or sunny intervals. A few showers. Wind northeast light to moderate. Max 13 to 15C (55 to 59F).

☐ **Moray Firth, NE Scotland, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** rather cloudy. Rain at times. Wind northeast moderate. Max 12 to 14C (54 to 57F).

☐ **Outlook:** mainly dry over much of the country. Rain will spread across southern areas later tomorrow and then clear on Wednesday.

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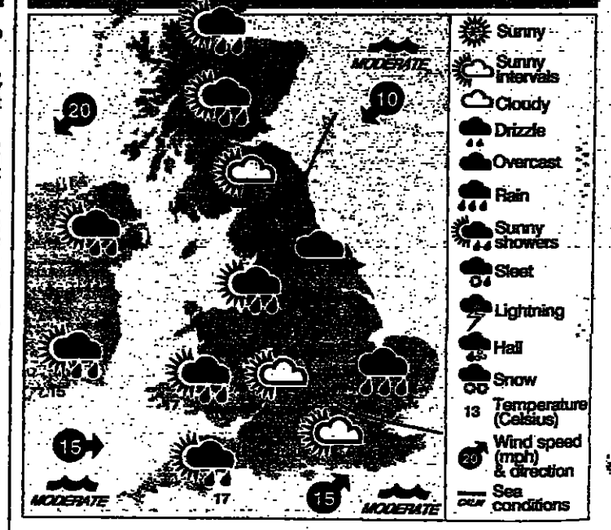
24 hrs to 6 pm: t=thunder; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain; h=hail; du=dull; g=gale; sh=shower; b=bright; ds=dust storm

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	4.9	0.01	17	63	s	Liverpool	5.6	0.71	15	59	h
Anglesey	7.0	0.63	16	61	s	London	9.0	0.10	16	61	t
Aspatria	6.5	0.58	15	59	sh	Lowestoft	6.7	0.06	17	63	t
Aviemore	5.2	0.03	14	57	sh	Manchester	4.6	0.72	16	59	t
Belfast	7.9	0.01	16	61	sh	Minehead	4.9	0.73	16	61	sh
Birmingham	8.5	0.19	17	63	t	Morecambe	8.4	0.87	15	59	b
Bognor R	9.2	0.09	18	64	s	Newcastle	9.6	0.24	16	61	s
Bournem'th	8.4	0.10	18	64	s	Newquay	7.6	0.06	16	61	b
Bristol	3.9	0.49	15	59	sh	Norwich	6.8	0.22	17	63	sh
Buxton	4.2	1.08	13	55	s	Nottingham	X				
Cardiff	6.5	0.61	15	59	h	Oxford	8.9	0.01	17	63	sh
Colwyn Bay	8.5	0.08	18	64	s	Penzance	7.0	0.07	16	61	b
Cleethorpes	6.5	0.10	16	61	sh	Plymouth	8.4	0.80	16	61	b
Colwyn Bay	8.9	0.54	16	61	s	Poole	7.7	0.14	18	64	s
Cromer	7.2	0.06	17	63	t	Prestatyn	X	0.33	15	59	s
Doncaster	4.3	0.12	16	61	sh	Ryde	8.5	0.14	17	63	sh
Dunbar	4.3	-	16	61	b	Salcombe	8.8	0.11	17	63	b
Eastbourne	7.0	0.43	17	63	sh	Sandown	5.7	0.26	17	63	sh
Edinburgh	5.6	0.02	15	59	sh	Saunton Snd	6.8	0.30	15	59	b
Eskdalemuir	2.6	0.17	13	55	t	Scarboro'	9.7	0.22	15	59	b
Exmouth	8.6	0.07	17	63	s	Scilly Isles	3.8	0.03	18	61	sh
Fishguard	9.3	0.13	15	59	s	Shanklin	6.4	0.17	16	61	sh
Folkestone	8.3	0.14	18	64	sh	Shrewsbury	6.0	0.23	15	59	sh
Glasgow	4.1	0.29	15	59	sh	Skegness	5.2	0.03	17	63	sh
Guernsey	3.1	0.08	16	61	c	Southend	7.7	0.85	17	63	b
Hastings	7.7	0.12	17	63	sh	Southport	7.1	0.56	15	59	sh
Hayling I.	8.4	0.11	18	64	s	Southsea	X	0.24	17	63	s
Herne Bay	8.5	0.13	18	64	sh	Stornoway	0.6	0.19	14	57	sh
Hove	7.0	0.11	17	63	sh	Swanage	7.4	0.24	17	63	sh
Hunstanton	2.7	0.14	18	61	t	Teignmouth	7.8	0.11	17	63	b
Isle of Man	9.9	0.13	16	61	s	Tenby	10.0	0.24	16	61	s
Jersey	5.5	-	18	64	b	Tiree	6.4	0.13	15	59	sh
Kinloss	4.7	0.01	16	61	s	Torquay	5.9	0.36	16	61	b
Leeds	7.6	0.26	15	59	sh	Tynemouth	9.2	0.28	16	61	b
Leuchars	6.4	0.02	17	63	sh	Ventnor	5.7	0.09	17	63	sh
Littlehmptn	9.3	0.12	18	64	sh	Weymouth	7.8	0.02	17	63	s

Ajaccio	26	79	s	C'thage	17	63	f	Madrid	28	82	s
Alicante	29	84	c	Corfu	31	88	s	Majorca	29	84	s
Algiers	32	90	s	Dublin	13	55	r	Malaga	26	79	s
Amst'dam	19	66	r	Dubrovnik	27	81	s	Malta	28	82	s
Athens	32	90	s	Faro	27	81	c	Mexico C	19	66	f
Bahrain	34	93	c	Florence	25	77	f	Miami	27	81	r
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Barbados	29	82	f	Funchal	24	75	s	Montreal	14	57	r
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Belgrade	26	79	s	Helsinki	13	55	r	Nairobi	25	77	f
Berlin	16	61	f	Hong K	31	88	s	Naples	28	82	s
Bermuda	30	86	f	Innsbrck	21	70	f	N Delhi	32	90	f
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Borde'x	25	77	f	Jeddah	38	100	s	Nice	25	77	s
Brussels	18	61	f	Jo'burg	-	-	-	Oslo	14	57	f
Budapst	26	79	s	Karachi	30	86	c	Paris	19	66	f
B Aires	16	61	f	L Palmas	24	75	s	Peking	28	77	s
Cairo	34	93	s	Le Touqt	18	61	f	Perth	15	59	f
Cape Tn	17	63	c	Lisbon	25	77	s	Prague	17	63	f
Chicago	28	82	c	Locarno	21	70	f	Reykjavik	8	46	s
Ch'church	-	-	-	L Angels	24	75	s	Rhodes	29	84	s
Cologne	17	63	r	Luxembg	15	59	c	Rio de J	19	66	f
				Luxor	39	102	s				

Riyadh	41	106	s	Stockhlm	16	61	c	Vienna	24	75	f
Rome	27	81	f	Strasb'rg	18	64	f	Warsaw	17	63	c
Salzburg	20	68	f	Sydney	21	70	s	Washton	26	79	f
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Santiago	17	63	f	Tel Aviv	32	90	c				
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Seoul	23	73	f	Tokyo	31	88	s				
Sing'por	31	88	f	Toronto	17	63	f				
St'kholm	16	61	c	Tunis	31	88	s				
Strasb'rg	18	64	f	Valencia	30	86	s				
Sydney	21	70	s	Vanc'ver	14	57	c				
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Tel Aviv	32	90	c	Vienna	24	75	f				
Tenerife	25	77	s	Warsaw	17	63	c				
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Belfast	3.22	3.3	3.47	3.1	Milford Haven	10.39	6.1	11.09	5.9
Cardiff	10.26	11.40	10.47	11.09	Newquay	9.38	6.1	10.07	5.9
Devonport	10.09	4.9	10.36	4.6	Oban	10.03	3.2	10.25	3.0
Dover	3.02	6.1	3.36	6.0	Penzance	9.22	4.9	9.50	4.6
Falmouth	9.39	4.7	10.06	4.4	Portland	11.00	1.7	11.21	1.6
Glasgow	4.42	4.7	5.12	4.5	Portsmouth	3.32	4.4	15.58	4.2
Harwich	3.52	3.7	4.11	3.6	Shoreham	3.15	5.8	3.48	5.5
Holyhead	2.29	5.1	2.58	4.9	Southampton	2.58	4.2	3.27	4.1
Hull	10.36	6.75	11.06	6.50	Swansea	10.44	8.4	11.14	8.1
Ilfracombe	10.19	8.00	10.49	7.86	Tees	8.14	4.8	8.41	4.8
King's Lynn	10.44	6.00	11.12	5.6	Wilton-on-Nze	3.50	3.9	4.16	3.9
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Manchester 7.33 pm to 6.38 am
Penzance 7.43 pm to 6.54 am

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African athletes retain men's World Cup at Crystal Palace

Britain edged into second place

BY DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

DEPENDABLY served, as ever, by their distance runners, Africa retained the men's World Cup at Crystal Palace yesterday, but only after Great Britain had kept them on their toes until the final event. Wins by John Regis, Tony Jarrett, Steve Backley and the 4 x 400 metres relay team during the final afternoon of the three-day competition took Britain to within five points of a remarkable team victory.

Regis scored a rare success over Frankie Fredericks in the 200 metres and Jarrett, replacing the unwell Colin Jackson, won the 110 metres hurdles. Backley added the World Cup title to the Commonwealth and European championships he has taken during the past month and Britain showed again that, outside the United States, there is no finer 4 x 400 metres relay team.

Not that you would have known from yesterday's relay that the United States possesses the best one-lap runners. Adding insult to their feeble support of the World Cup — they sent a reserve team — there was no United States quartet at all in the relay. Two of their squad of five were sightseeing.

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The United States attitude was not typical, however. After a poor previous World Cup, in Havana two years ago, it was resuscitated in London by the enthusiastic participation of many of the sport's leading athletes. The cynical view was that Noureddine Morceli was here because he had been paid him to run. But the speed with which he leapt onto the podium to take the cup from Hakim Toumi, the Africa captain, after the presentation spoke of a man rejoicing in the success of his team.

Morceli led Africa's sweep of events from 1,500 metres upwards. Khalid Skah had won the 10,000 metres on Friday, Moses Kiptanui the steeplechase and Morceli the 1,500 metres on Saturday, and yesterday Brahim Lahlafi won the 5,000 metres. But the World Cup cannot be won by distance runners alone and Samuel Matete scored maximum points in the 400 metres hurdles, as did Okkert Brits in the pole vault.

Britain won seven events to Africa's six. Linford Christie (100 metres), Fred Salle (long jump) and the sprint relay team having won on the first two days. If Britain is looking to pinpoint areas where the cup was lost, it needs to go back to Friday and Saturday, because yesterday's effort was magnificent. Britain's lowest-placed competitor in six events was Steve Smith, who was third in the high jump.

Smith dug out six points for Britain while struggling for form. He had one failure at 2.10 metres, one at 2.20, two at 2.25 and two at 2.28 before going out at 2.31. By this time, though, Steinar Hoen, the European champion, had fallen and only Javier Sotomayor, the Olympic champion, went over 2.28, with 2.40. Tim Forsyth, the Australian, was second, also on 2.28.

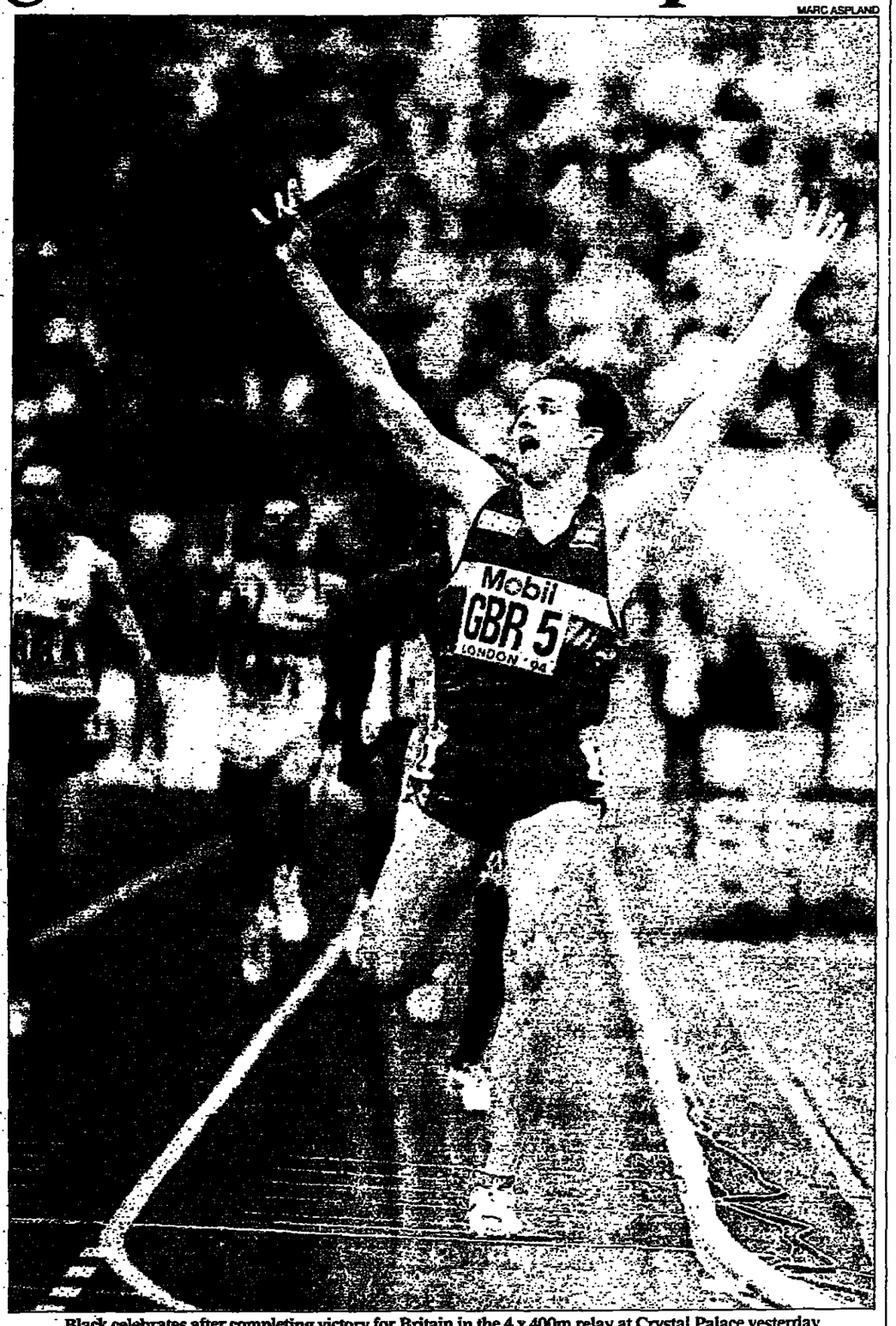
No more could have been expected of John Nuttall in the 5,000 metres. Given that Lahlafi, a Moroccan, had run 13min 3.36sec this season and the Briton had not broken 13:20, it made sense to let Lahlafi go when he opened with a lap of 60sec. Nuttall ran a controlled race in the company of Martin Bremer, from Germany, before kicking hard to add seven points to the Great Britain score.

Nuttall's points, in the penultimate event, would have left the relay team chasing the World Cup itself had any one of four events — the shot, pole vault, 400 metres hurdles and 1,500 metres — not burst the balloon. Matt Simson, the Commonwealth shot champion, declined to appear and Nigel Spratley, his replacement, finished last. Neil Winter failed to score after no-heighting at 5.20 metres in the pole vault. Gary Cadogan's sixth place in the hurdles was disappointing and, given the form of Gary Lough and John Mayock, it was crass of the selectors not to replace the former with the latter. Lough finished fifth, while Mayock would probably have been second to Morceli.

Regis recorded 20.45sec from lane one and the man but for whom he would be world and Commonwealth champion, Fredericks, 20.55sec. Jarrett, blocked until now from European Cup or World Cup hurdles competition by Jackson's presence, seized his chance to win in 13.23sec.

Europe won the women's World Cup with Britain fifth. Except for Yvonne Murray's victory in the 3,000 metres they had a poor third day. Their result will be expunged if it is proven that Diane Modahl took drugs.

MARC ASPLAND



Black celebrates after completing victory for Britain in the 4 x 400m relay at Crystal Palace yesterday

Whelan gives Leeds reason to celebrate Pennine pride

Leeds United 2
Manchester United 1

BY ROB HUGHES
FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

THE most bitter trans-Pennine feud in football was eased a little yesterday when Leeds United finally achieved a victory at Elland Road over Manchester United for the first time since 1980. As a point of historical note, it is worth looking back to observe that the two forwards who did most yesterday to run Manchester's back four ragged were Noel Whelan and Philomen Masinga.

When Leeds last achieved this result, Whelan was a new boy in a local Leeds primary school, Masinga was probably playing barefoot in a Johannesburg township. Yet their youth, their hunger and desire did as much as any pairing in the field to turn history around.

It was, as you might imagine, a match played amidst hostility bordering on hysteria — the return of Eric Cantona to Leeds ensures that at the very least — and yet the seeds of this result were born out of the fact that Leeds were collectively full of greater morale, energy and willpower while their visitors looked a bunch of arguably superior artistic talents, artists who having been scattered on international duty, had returned speaking and playing different languages.

From the very first, they were languid and Leeds were dashing, queuing up to attack an exposed May at right back. The first breakthrough, Leeds's opening goal in the twelfth minute, arrived when Whelan was momentarily off the field having a dislocated finger snapped back into place. His pain was lost in the joy of celebration when White, later to be withdrawn with damaged ankle ligaments, drove a corner from the left low across the face of Manchester's goalmouth. Nobody touched it until Wetherall, from eight yards, mishit his shot, which reached the goal, first bounce, amidst United's indecision.

Where was Cantona? The howls of derision, the bile from people who formerly adored him here, let you know. At every touch the Frenchman made, inane growls of disapproval rang in his ears. However, on the half-hour, he was indulgent enough to reach out the left foot and flick the ball over the head of Palmer. As Palmer stood, bemused, the Frenchman's right foot then repeated the exercise and finally he struck a shot with his left, wide of the far post.

Yet Leeds had Whelan — tall, lean yet tenacious — and they had Masinga — an unorthodox player, sometimes cunning and on one occasion cheeky enough to show the ball to Pallister and then, with the sole of his boot, drag it back from the groping England international. That both Whelan and Masinga were among six Leeds names taken by the referee said more of David Elleray's idiosyncratic reading of the new rules than any malice by the home side.

Manchester United's first fall last autumn had come against Chelsea in similar circumstances to these: the Manchester team had all flown in from various internationals at home and abroad, they had a European Cup game against Galatasaray on their minds and they succumbed to a team of greater purpose and concentration.

Yesterday, the crowning moment for Leeds, and for Whelan, came three minutes into the second half. At times, the 19-year-old's slender frame looked as if it might break, but his manager Howard Wilkinson had observed before that this England youth team player was "the finest athlete I have seen in football". He won the ball in a rebound off Kanchelskis almost on the centre line, turned and ran into the swirling wind, sidestepping May, cutting behind Bruce and then flicked the ball back for Deane to score from barely three yards out. Deane was ecstatic.

Though Deane was to miss from even closer range than his goal, though Leeds, with more composed finishing, might have settled the match in their first dominant 70 minutes, there came a cruel and lasting examination of their defence. The cruelty was from the referee.



Deane: ecstatic

Deane, chasing back with Ince, stumbled over the legs of the Manchester player, received the yellow card and was amazed when a penalty was also given. Contact, without doubt, was made a yard outside the penalty area, but when Ince propelled forward, Elleray was fooled. Up strode Cantona to stroke the ball in.

Given this infusion of hope, revitalised by Ince and the introduction of the teenager, Butt, Manchester did command the last 20 minutes, Lukic earning his corn with a magnificent double save, using his legs to deny Hughes and then jumping up to turn the ball over the bar from Butt. Nevertheless, it would have been a travesty had history been denied in the end.

LEEDS UNITED (4-4-2): J Lukic — G Kelly, D Wetherall, C Palmer, N Worthington — D White (sub: S Deane, 31min), G McAllister, G Speed, R Wallace — P Masinga (sub: C Fairclough, 87). N Whelan

MANCHESTER UNITED (4-5-1): P Schmeichel — D May, S Bruce, G Pallister, D Irwin — A Kanchelskis, B McClair (sub: N Butt, 63), E Cantona, P Ince, R Giggs (sub: L Sharpe, 83) — M Hughes.

Referee: D Elleray

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FULL WEEKEND RESULTS FROM CRYSTAL PALACE

Men

Final positions

1, Africa	116
2, Great Britain	111
3, Americas	95
4, Europe	91
5, Germany	85½
6, United States	78
7, Asia	76
8, Oceania	62½

200 METRES: 1, J Regis (GB) 20.45sec; 2, F Fredericks (Amca) 20.55; 3, G Moen (Eur) 20.72; 4, R Clark (US) 21.00; 5, R Kumicki (Ger) 21.02; 6, I Garcia (Americas) 21.10; 7, D Marsh (Oceania) 21.10; 8, H Darwal (Asia) 21.23.

400 METRES: 1, A Pettigrew (US) 45.28sec; 2, D Ladejo (GB) 45.44; 3, I Sana (Ams) 45.67; 4, I Ismail (Asia) 45.74; 5, M Rusterholz (Eur) 45.92; 6, S Kaur (Af) 45.98; 7, P Greene (Oce) 46.29; 8 D, Bitnar (Ger) 46.73.

1,500 METRES: 1, N Morceli (Afr) 3min 34.70sec; 2, R Stenzel (Ger) 3:40.04; 3, M Suleiman (Asia) 3:40.52; 4, J Pyrah (US) 3:41.55; 5, G Lough (GB) 3:44.10; 6, J Valente (Ams) 3:44.32; 7, I Viciosa (Eur) 3:47.22; 8, R Potts (Oce) 3:54.09.

5,000 METRES: 1, B Lahlafi (Afr) 13min 27.96sec; 2, J Nuttall (GB) 13:32.47; 3, M Bremer (Ger) 13:33.57; 4, R Johnston (Oce) 13:37.13; 5, B Prasad (Asia) 13:37.20; 6, G Apolonio (Ams) 13:51.73; 7, A Anton (Eur) 13:55.02; 8, D Meyer (US) 14:07.65.

3,000 METRES STEEPLECHASE: 1, M Kiptanui (Afr) 8min 28.39sec; 2, S Shaddad Al-Asmari (Asia) 8:36.74; 3, A Lambruschini (Eur) 8:40.94; 4, C Walker (GB) 8:41.14; 5, M Strege (Ger) 8:45.18; 6, R Vera (Ams) 8:58.80; 7, D Reese (US) 9:15.16; 8, P Brett (Oce) 9:19.11.

110 METRES HURDLES: 1, A Jarrett (GB) 13.23sec; 2, A Johnson (US) 13.29; 3, E Valle (Ams) 13.45; 4, F Schwenthoff (Ger) 13.47; 5, Li Tong (Asia) 13.59; 6, K Vander-Kuyp (Oce) 13.71; 7, K Akadeta (Afr) 14.03; 8, A Haapakoski (Eur) 14.11.

4 x 100 METRES RELAY: 1, Great Britain (D Braithwaite, A Jarrett, J Regis, L Christie) 38.46sec; 2, Africa 38.97; 3, United States 39.33; 4, Americas 39.39; 5, Europe 39.49; 6, Asia 55.58; Germany disq; Oceania withdrew.

4 x 400 METRES RELAY: 1, Great Britain (D McKenzie, D Ladejo, J Baulch, R Black) 3min 01.34sec; 2, Africa 3:02.66; 3, Europe 3:03.26; 4, Germany 3:04.15; 5, Americas 3:04.28; 6, Oceania 3:05.70; 7, Asia 3:12.30; United States withdrew.

HIGH JUMP: 1, J Sotomayor (Ams) 2.40m; 2, T Forsyth (Oce) 2.28; 3, S Smith (GB) 2.28; 4, S Hoen (Eur) 2.25; 5, W Kressig (Ger) 2.20; 6, Y Kaholoko (Asia) 2.20; 7, K Naiko (Afr) 2.15; 8, J Wylie (US) 2.15.

POLE VAULT: 1, O Brits (Afr) 5.50m; 2, J Galfione (Eur) 5.75; equal 3, A Tiwontschik (Ger), A Manzano (Ams) 5.40; 5, S Hultman (US) 5.40; 6, G Yegorov (Asia) 5.40; 7, J Miller (Oce) 5.20; N Winter (GB) no height.

TRIPLE JUMP: 1, Y Quesada (Ams) 17.61m; 2, J Golley (GB) 17.06, 3, O Sakirin (Asia) 16.81; 4, L Kheida (Afr) 16.75; 5, S Helan (Eur) 16.67; 6, R Jones (US) 16.41; 7, W Knebbe (Ger) 16.07; 8, A Murphy (Oce) 15.86.

DISCUS: 1, V Dubrovshchik (Eur) 64.54m; 2, A Elizarde (Ams) 61.50; 3, A Oliuloju (Afr) 60.22; 4, W Reitarer (Oce) 60.22; 5, J Schult (Ger) 58.86; 6, M Granville (US) 58.76; 7, R Weir (GB) 55.88; B Mubarak (Asia) withdrew.

HAMMER: 1, A Abduvaliyev (Asia) 81.72m; 2 L Deal (US) 81.14; 3, H Weis (Ger) 80.32; 4, V Sidorenko (Eur) 79.34; 5, A Sánchez (Ams) 74.72; 6, S Carlin (Oce) 74.54; 7, H Toumi (Afr) 69.36; 8, P Head (GB) 68.38.

JAVELIN: 1, S Backley (GB) 85.02m, 2, R Hecht (Ger) 84.36; 3, G Lovegrove (Oce) 82.28; 4, P Boden (Eur) 80.86; 5, L Fouche (Afr) 76.98; 6, L Zhang (Asia) 76.96, 7, E Gonzalez (Ams) 76.42; 8, T Reich (US) 70.28.

Women

Final positions

1, Europe	111
2, Americas	98
3, Germany	79
4, Africa	78
5, Great Britain	73
6, Asia	67
7, Oceania	57
8, United States	48

100 METRES: 1, I Privalova (Eur) 11.22sec; 2, L Allen (Americas) 11.50; 3, M Onyali (Africa) 11.52; 4, M Gainsford (Oceania) 11.55; 5, M Paschke (Ger) 11.84; 6, X Lu (Asia) 11.85; 7, P Thomas (GB) 11.87; 8, S Echols (US) 11.91.

400 METRES: 1, I Privalova (Eur) 50.62sec, 2, F Yusuf (Afr) 50.80, 3, J Miles (US) 51.24; 4, P Smith (GB) 51.36; 5, J Duporty (Ams) 52.48; 6, Zhang Hangyun (Asia) 52.79; 7, K Hanigan (Oce) 53.82; 8, A Rucker (Ger) 54.21.

800 METRES: 1, M Mutola (Afr) 1min 58.27sec; 2, L Mendes (Ams) 2:00.13; 3 N Dukhnova (Eur) 2:02.81; 4, K Kovacs (Ger) 2:03.32; 5, J Clark (US) 2:03.76; 6, L Lightfoot (Oce) 2:03.88; 7, C Dawson (GB) 2:04.13; 8, X Chen (Asia) 2:09.82.

3,000 METRES: 1, Y Murray (GB) 8min 56.81sec; 2, R Meagher (Ams) 9:05.81; 3, G Szabo (Eur) 9:15.16; 4, Liu Jianying (Asia) 9:15.39, 5, S Power (Oce) 9:16.01, 6, D Koster (Ger) 9:23.32; 7, C McWilliam (US) 9:26.50; 8, G Griffiths (Afr) 9:31.91.

10,000 METRES: 1, E Meyer (Afr) 30min 52.51sec; 2, F Ribaro (Eur) 31:04.25; 3, Wei Li (Asia) 32:37.94, 4, C Dreher (Ger) 33:04.79; 5, S Rigg (GB) 33:38.14; 6, A Cross (Oce) 33:40.75; 7, L Lameira-Coll (US) 33:43.66; 8, P Cabrera (Ams) 34:41.22.

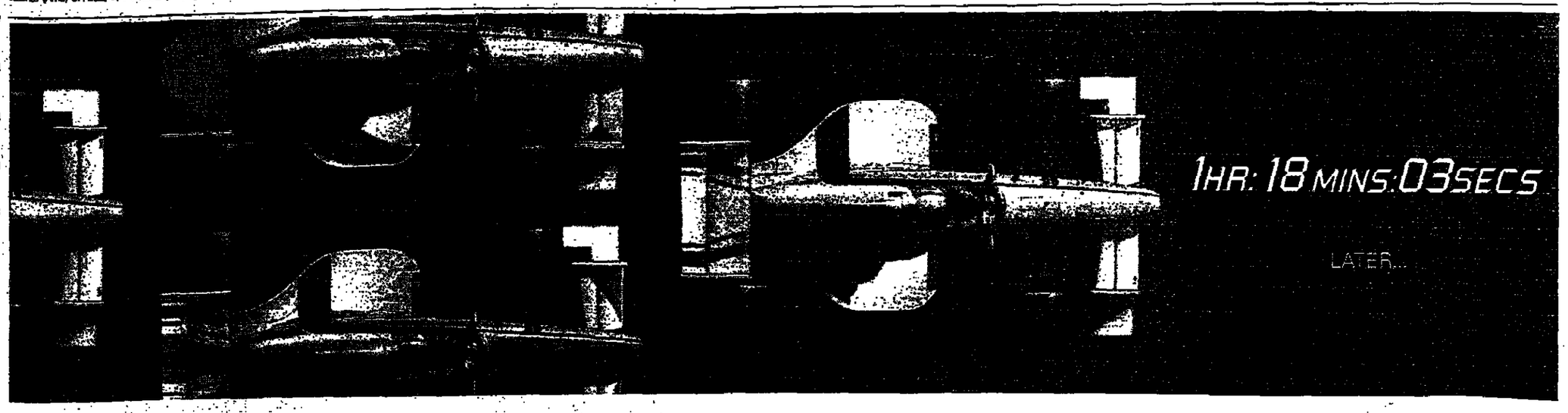
100 METRES HURDLES: 1, A Lopez (Ams) 12.91sec, 2, S Dimitrova (Eur) 12.95, 3, J Agyepong (GB) 13.02; 4, N Ramatalanina (Afr) 13.24, 5, K Patzwahl (Ger) 13.68; 6, B Luo (Asia) 13.89, 7, S Taylor (US) 14.10; 8, R Links (Oce) 14.14

4 x 100 METRES RELAY: 1, Africa 42.92sec, 2, Germany 43.22; 3, Oceania 43.36, 4, Asia 43.63; 5, United States 43.79, 6 Europe 43.99; 7, Americas 44.06, 8, Great Britain 44.45

LONG JUMP: 1, I Kravets (Eur) 7.00m, 2, N Montalvo (Ams) 6.70; 3, C Opara-Thompson (Afr) 6.66; 4, Y Wolf (Asia) 6.60; 5, S Braun (Ger) 6.54; 6, Y Idowu (GB) 6.51; 7, N Boogman (Oce) 6.45, 8, S Echols (US) 6.25.

SHOT: 1 Zhihong Huang (Asia) 19.45m, 2 S Laza (Ams) 19.07; 3, A Kumbernuss (Ger) 18.89; 4, V Pavlysh (Eur) 18.67, 5, J Oakes (GB) 17.92, 6, D Dumble (US) 15.68; 7, F Fathi (Afr) 15.48, 8, L-M Mzamani (Oce) 15.23

DISCUS: 1, I Wyludda (Ger) 65.30m; 2, E Zvereva (Eur) 63.86; 3, D Costian (Oce) 63.38, 4, B Echevarria (Ams) 62.90, 5, Qiu Dagaping (Asia) 57.92; 6, C Price-Smith (US) 57.04; 7, J McKernan (GB) 56.28; 8, L Elsebeth (Afr) 51.54



Graf to take a break after Open defeat

FROM STUART JONES, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT IN NEW YORK

THE top players in women's tennis, in the opinion of the newly appointed managing director, are "the engines which pull the train". If that is so, then the impetus has been repeatedly lost. First Monica Seles was stabbed, then Jennifer Capriati retired, and now Steffi Graf has broken down.

After failing on Saturday in the defence of her US Open title against Arantxa Sanchez Vicario, Graf revealed that she now intends to take a break from the game. She is to seek advice from a doctor in Germany "to see what I have to do during that time to make it heal faster". The damaged area to which she refers lies in her lower back.

Graf may have been suffering from a stress fracture when she yielded her French and Wimbledon titles earlier this year, though she would never use the injury as an excuse for her defeats. Nor did she attempt to diminish the feat of her indefatigable opponent on Saturday.

Nevertheless, Graf was inhibited from midway through the second set once she had stretched to her left and jarred her spine, aggravating an inflamed disc. The speed of her serves dropped 15mph as a result and she was credited with 46 unforced errors. Her average throughout the fortnight had been 18.

Initially, the German was irresistible. From 1-1, she had taken 20 of the next 24 points and five successive games to build an apparently decisive advantage in a mere 22 minutes. Never before in 51 matches spread across a decade of US Opens had she won the first set and gone on to lose.

Sánchez Vicario, appreciating that she had to adopt more aggressive tactics and frequent the net, was beginning to alter the balance of the final but Graf, after treatment, held a break point to lead 5-4 in the second set. That, surely, would have been that after little more than an hour.

But Sánchez Vicario, the Michael Chang of the women's game, survived and took the tie-break (she had also won all of their previous four this year) 7-3. The last five points, significantly, were mistakes committed by Graf on the forehand, which is usually the most potent and reliable of her weapons.

After exchanges of breaks in the final set, the holder then saved two match points before finally yielding 1-6, 7-6, 6-4 in seven minutes over two hours. It was only her fifth defeat of 1994, but three of them have been in the grand slam championships that she won last year in the absence of the wounded Seles.

Graf's status as the world's No 1 has, like her spine, been eroded. Indeed, although the rankings do not officially reflect it, there is a case for arguing that Sánchez Vicario, the reigning French champion and the first Spanish woman to collect the US Open title, is now leader of the pack.

She started the year by reaching the final of the Australian Open. There, on a similar hard court, she was humiliated in straight sets by a Graf who had apparently yet to develop any visible signs of stress. But now, however temporarily, the principal engine has, for the second time in 17 months, come off the rails.

Three Spaniards have now won a total of four grand slam titles this year. Conchita Martinez is the Wimbledon champion and Sánchez Vicario and Sergi Bruguera both won in Paris. "Spain winning four grand slams: that's unprecedented," a delighted Bruguera said yesterday.

Tomorrow, Todd Martin will probably receive some consolation for his defeat by Andre Agassi in the semi-final of the men's singles on Saturday evening. He is expected to be selected for another semi-final, representing the United States in the Davis Cup against Sweden in Gothenburg in a fortnight.

Tom Gullickson, the team captain, has confirmed that Pete Sampras, still recuperating from the blistered feet and exhaustion that afflicted him in the quarter-final, will not be available. Nor will Agassi, who is scheduled instead to appear in exhibition matches, and Jim Courier.

Martin, though he has been suffering from a slight groin strain for several weeks, is "looking good", according to Gullickson. The captain is likely to choose him in the singles along with Chang, who is another of the four seeds to have been knocked out of the US Open this year by Agassi.

RESULTS

(US unless stated)
MEN'S SINGLES: Quarter-finals: T Martin bt B Karbacher (Ger) 6-4, 7-6, 4-6, 6-4; K Novacek (Cz) bt J Yzaga (Peru) 6-2, 6-7, 6-1, 5-7, 6-3. Semi-finals: M Stich (Ger) bt Novacek 7-5, 6-3, 7-6; A Agassi bt Martin 6-4, 4-6, 6-2, 6-3.
WOMEN'S SINGLES: Final: A Sanchez Vicario (Sp) bt S Graf (Ger) 1-6, 7-6, 6-4.
WOMEN'S DOUBLES: Semi-final: K Maleeva (Bul) and R White bt G Fernandez and N Zvereva (Bela) 7-6, 1-6, 6-3.
GIRL'S DOUBLES: Semi-final: N de Villiers (SA) and E Jelfs (GB) bt P Mandula (Hun) and H Nagyova (Slovakia) 4-6, 6-3, 6-1. Final: S de Beer (SA) and C Reuter (Holl) bt De Villiers and Jelfs 4-6, 6-4, 6-2.



Sánchez Vicario on her way to victory over Graf in the US Open at Flushing Meadow on Saturday

Coulthard clears path for Hill to close gap on absent rival

FROM OLIVER HOLT IN MONZA

THE two confrontations that everybody was longing to see failed to materialise at the Italian Grand Prix here yesterday. The film star, Sylvester Stallone, and his ex-wife, Brigitte Nielsen, lunched at opposite ends of the paddock and the Ferraris of Gerhard Berger and Jean Alesi capitulated to Damon Hill without a proper fight.

Michael Schumacher, watching the race from his flat in Monaco, may have been more disappointed than most as the fates transpired to allow a comfortable victory for the Williams-Renault driver: Hill's second successive win at Monza brought him to within 11 points of his suspended Benetton rival in the race for the world championship.

Hill drove a steady, controlled race, moving into the lead after Alesi was forced to retire with gearbox problems and Berger lost time with a slow pit stop. The final obstacle was removed when Williams ordered David Coulthard to move over to let his team-mate pass on the 29th lap of the 53-lap race.

Coulthard, who has only one race left to convince the team he is worth a place next season before the return of Nigel Mansell, shadowed Hill until within 200 yards of the chequered flag. Then, at Parabolica, where the drivers' heads are usually pinned to the right of their cockpits by the g-forces, he ran out of fuel and slowed to a halt. The four cars that were on the same lap passed him as he ran back to the pits to discover he had been classified sixth.

Berger deserved that slice of luck. He was taken to hospital after he injured his neck in the morning warm-up and raced in considerable pain. Afterwards, he criticised his treatment after the accident.

"It was a comedy of errors," he said. "First of all, they treated me at the side of the track, which was unbelievable because anyone's brakes could have locked up. Then, if you had seen a film of what happened at the hospital, you would not believe it."

Hill was jubilant: "I am a lucky man to have twice experienced the kind of reception you get on the podium at Monza," he said. "It is now essential that we try to get another ten points at the next race in Portugal to get ourselves back on par for when Schumacher returns."

Although there is little love lost between Hill and Coulthard, Hill expressed sympathy for his team-mate: "He drove very, very well," he said. "He was pushing me hard and he deserved to be on the podium. It would have been great to have a Williams one-two again."

Coulthard at least had the chance to display his ability, a luxury denied Johnny Herbert, the Lotus driver. After a bravura performance in qualifying, when he recorded the fourth-fastest time boosted by a new Mugen-Honda engine, he outsprinted Hill into the first corner only to be hit from behind by the Jordan of Eddie Irvine.

Herbert's car spun and blocked the track, forcing a restart, but it was so badly damaged that he had to start from the pit lane in a spare car that was not fitted with the new engine. He retired because of mechanical problems suffered on the thirteenth lap.

The announcement that Irvine, who has already served a three-race ban this season, had received another one-race suspended ban, did little to assuage the anger of Herbert or the Lotus managing director, Peter Collins. Herbert said the Ulsterman was an "arrogant idiot" who should be removed from Formula One before he caused serious harm.

Collins was more forthright. "Irvine's three-race suspension at the beginning of the year was far too short," he said. "His brain has obviously been removed and it is about time his licence is, too."

Gabriele Tarquini won the *Auto Trader* RAC British touring car championship at Silverstone yesterday with a victory and a second place. The Italian driver made sure of the title with a second place in his Alfa Romeo behind Tim Harvey in the first of the two races yesterday.

RESULTS (53 laps, 191.009 miles): 1, D Hill (GB) Williams, 1hr 18min 2.754sec (av speed 157.5mph); 2, G Berger (Austria) Ferrari, 4.930sec behind; 3, M Hakkinen (Fin) McLaren, 25.640sec behind; 4, R Barrichello (Br) Jordan, 50.634sec behind; 5, M Brundle (GB) McLaren, 1min 25.575sec behind; 6, D Coulthard (GB) Williams, 1 lap behind; 7, E Bernard (Fr) Ligier, 1 lap; 8, E Comas (Fr) Larrousse 1 lap; 9, J-J Lehto (Fin) Benetton, 1 lap; 10, O Panis (Fr) Ligier, 2 laps.
CHAMPIONSHIP POSITIONS (after 12 races): Drivers: 1, M Schumacher (Ger) 76pts; 2, Hill 65; 3, Berger 33; 4, J Alesi (Fr) 19; 5, Hakkinen 18; 6, Barrichello 13; 7, Brundle 11; equal 8, J Verstappen (Holl), M Blundell (GB), Coulthard 8; 11, Olivier Panis (Fr) 7; equal 12, N Larini (It), C Fittipaldi (Br) 6; equal 14, H-H Frentzen (Ger), U Katayama (Japan) 5; equal 16, K Wendlinger (Austria), A de Cesaris (It), P Martini (It), Bernard 4; 20, G Morbidelli (It) 3; 21, Comas 2; equal 22, M Alboreto (It), E Irvine (GB), Lehto 1. Constructors: 1, Benetton 85pts; 2, Williams 73; 3, Ferrari 58; 4, McLaren 29; 5, Jordan 17; 6, Tyrrell 13; 7, Ligier 11; 8, Sauber 10, 9, Footwork 9; 10, Minardi 5; 11, Larrousse 2.
REMAINING RACES: Sept 25: Portuguese, Estoril. Oct 16: European, Jerez. Spain Nov 6: Japanese, Suzuka. Nov 13: Australian, Adelaide.

Benn put off by rumpus

BY SRIKUMAR SEN, BOXING CORRESPONDENT

NIGEL Benn successfully defended his World Boxing Council super-middleweight title against Juan Carlos Giménez, of Paraguay, but he blamed his unimpressive performance on those who caused a riot at the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham, on Saturday while he was boxing.

Benn said it was not possible for him to keep his eyes on the chairs that were flying in the hall as well as on the fists flying in the ring.

"My concentration just went totally, and I was caught right on the temple," Benn said. "Jimmy [Tibbs, his trainer] kept shouting at me, 'Concentrate on the fight', but I actually saw them whizzing chairs at each other. I tried to give the public what I usually do, give them a good fight, but my mind was totally outside the ring. I've never been in such a situation like this before."

Benn's claim is understandable, for apart from one South American reporter, who continued to dictate his running report over the telephone without being sidetracked by the sideshow, there could not have been a man in the hall who saw the fourth and fifth rounds of the championship bout.

Like Benn, they were watching the followers of Robert McCracken, the British light-middleweight champion, and Steve Foster battling it out with chairs and steel bars in the aisles.

Benn must have won those rounds well, because at the end he was awarded the bout 117-112 (8 rounds to 3), 118-115 (5-2), 118-112 (8-2), despite being floored in the tenth round by a solid right to the body and Giménez carrying the fight to him from the tenth round onwards.

Benn was generally considered not to have given one of his better displays, taking too many blows from an opponent who was not able to land a glove on Chris Eubank two years ago. But it has to be said that this was simply a question of styles: Benn's incoming style was to Giménez's liking. The Paraguayan seemed to be confident of taking Benn's best punches and kept coming back for more.

From Benn's point of view, the challenger's ability to absorb his punches did not suit him. He had to take too many punches to deliver his own.

Benn controlled the bout with sharp jabs, but seldom followed through with those quick combinations for which he is famous. For all his faults, though, he gave good value while boxing the full three minutes of every round and never shirking when a punch-up beckoned.

Benn will box next on December 3. His opponent is likely to be Michael Nunn, if the former world champion comes through his bout today.

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Coaches appeal over drugs

FROM CRAIG LORD IN ROME

AFTER a week in which Chinese women captured 12 of the 16 world titles and set five world records, swimming coaches from 18 nations have called on their international governing body to provide more money, manpower and technology in the campaign against drugs.

The coaches did not name China but cited "the apparent re-emergence of the extensive use of performance-enhancing drugs, especially in women's competition", as the reason for formalising their views.

They believe that because some performances were suspect, all the world records set at the seventh world championships here were being regarded with suspicion.

There were two more world records last night, the first for Le Jingyi in the 50 metres freestyle, one of three victories for Chinese women. Le launched herself off the blocks to emerge from her dive head and shoulders ahead of the field. Rivals struggled in her wake as Le, 19, hit the wall in 24.51sec, bettering the record of 24.79sec held by Yang Wenyi since the 1992 Olympics.

In a race in which hundredths of a second can split a field of eight, Le won by an astonishing 0.59sec from Natalia Mesheryakova, of Russia, with Amy van Dyken, of the United States, a further 0.08sec behind.

Le has been involved in four of the five world records set by Chinese women and collected her fourth gold medal last night. Jani Sievinen, of Finland, put behind him the disappointment of defeat in the 400 metres medley with a world record of 1min 58.16sec in the 200 metres medley to better the previous standard of 1min 59.36 set by Tamas Darnyi in 1991.

Hungarian swimmers suffered more disappointment when Krizstina Egerszegi lost a 200 metres backstroke race for the first time in five years. Egerszegi still holds the best three times for the distance and her world record of 2min 06.62sec stayed on the books last night. But He Cihong, of China, who had set a world record of 1min 00.16sec in the 100 metres backstroke, 0.15sec inside Egerszegi's standard, matched the Hungarian stroke fr stroke and then left her looking like a novice down the last length to win in 2min 07.40sec. Egerszegi was second in 2min 09.10sec.

Kieren Perkins and Daniel Kowalski made the 1,500 metres freestyle an all-Australian affair. Ian Wilson, from Leeds, and Graeme Smith, from Stockport, finished outside their best times in seventh and eighth places respectively, and, like Perkins, felt as though they had been *"running on empty"* after performing better at the Commonwealth Games just over two weeks ago.

FOR THE RECORD

AUSTRALIAN RULES

MELBOURNE: Qualifying finals: Melbourne 16.15 (123) Carlton 14.12 (96); North Melbourne 15.24 (114) Hawthorn 13.13 (91); Geelong 15.16 (106) Footscray 15.11 (101); West Coast 11.16 (82) Collingwood 12.8 (80).

BADMINTON

WIMBLEDON: Open tournament: (English unless stated) Men: Singles quarter-finals: A Antropov (Russ) bt R Kuiken (Hol) 15-11, 15-11; P Bush bt C Houghton 17-14, 15-2; J van Soerland (Hol) bt S Welling 15-5, 15-11; P Knowles bt S Pandya 8-15, 15-9, 15-10. Semi-finals: van Soerland bt Knowles 15-4, 15-11; Antropov bt Bush 15-5, 13-12, 15-11. Final: Antropov bt van Soerland 15-9, 10-15, 15-7. Women: Quarter-finals: I Yakusheva (Russ) bt N Bush 12-10, 10-12, 11-2; T Groves bt O Tokmakova (Russ) 10-12, 11-1, 11-4; J Mann bt G Trauernach (Hol) 11-6, 11-7; M Yakusheva (Russ) bt J Wilmott 11-2, 11-2. Semi-finals: Yakusheva bt Groves 9-11, 11-9, 11-2; M Yakusheva bt Mann 11-5, 11-8. Final: M Yakusheva bt I Yakusheva 11-3, 5-11, 11-2.

BOXING

BIRMINGHAM: World Boxing Council Super-middleweight championship (12 rds): Nigel Benn (GB, champion) bt Juan Carlos Gimenez (Par) pts. British Light-middleweight championship: Robert McCracken (Birmingham, champion) bt Steve Foster (Salford) pts. British Welterweight championship: Del Bryan (Nottingham, champion) bt Lindon Scarlett (Dudley) pts. Heavy (8rds): Carl Mitchell (Derby) bt Jeff Williams (US) ko 1st rd. Heavy (4rds): Clayton Brown (Wolverhampton) bt Gary Williams (Nottingham) pts. Cruiser (6 rds): Carl Thompson (Manchester) bt Dionisio Lazario (Br) rsc 1st rd. Super-middle (10 rds): Henry Wharton (Leeds) bt Guy Stanford (US) rsc 3rd rd. Super-middle (8 rds): Eric Noi (Manchester) bt Tim Robinson (Grimsby) rsc 1st rd. Light-middle (8 rds): Adrian Dodson (Islington) bt Colin Pitters (Birmingham) pts. Light-welter (6rds): Paul Ryan (Hackney) bt Dave Lovell (Birmingham) rsc 3rd rnd.
FONTENAY-SOUS-BOIS, France. European featherweight championship: Medhi Labdouni (France) bt Stefano Zoff (It) holder pts.

BOWLS

WORTHING: Sanatogen EBA championships: Singles: Semi-finals: P Wilkinson (Long Eaton Town) bt W Richards (Mid Surrey) 21-13; B Morley (GPT Notts) bt A Manton (Kingsthorpe, Northants) 21-16. Final: Morley bt Wilkinson 21-14. NatWest Middleton Cup. Semi-finals: Middlesex bt Norfolk 116-104 (Middlesex skips first): K Aven 21 B Taylor 16; G Little 22 R Thacker 16; S Holmes 19 I Daines 18; B Jenkins 17 D Ward 21; W Jones 24 M King 11; G Smyth 15 A Dunton 22. Cumbria bt Dorset 124-123 (Cumbria skips first): J Bell 25 A Tidey 18; J Weir 16 W Garrett 26; D Ramsdale 18 M Tomberry 21; S Airey 16 J Searle 22; A Baxter 20 B Patterson 21; S Farish 25 R Freeman 15. Final: Cumbria bt Middlesex 102-96. Rink scores (Cumbria skips first): Weir 14 Holmes 20; Farish 17 Jenkins 15; Ramsdale 22 Smyth 17; Bell 21 Aven 13; Baxter 12 Little 16; Airey 16 Jones 16.

CYCLING

TOUR OF CATALONIA: Third stage (Santa Barbara-Barcelona 217.5 km): 1, S Bianchi (It) Mercatone Uno 1min 17sec; 2, A Edo (Sp) Kelme; 3, J Svorada (Cz) Lampre; 4, L Jalabert (Fr) ONCE; 5, M Van Haecke (Bel) Lotto; 6, S Schiavini (It) Carrera; 7, A Sorlov (Russ) Kelme; 8, A Olano (Sp) Mapei-Clas; 9, W Bell (It) Lampre; 10, I Martin (Sp) Lotus all at same time. Fourth stage (Lerida-Boi Taull 166.7km): 1, C Chiappucci (It) Carrera 4hr 57min 27sec; 2, P Delgado (Sp) Banesto; 3, L Cubino (Sp) Kelme both same time; 4, F Escartin (Sp) Mapei-Clas at 5sec behind; 5, J Muñoz (Sp) Castellblanch, 20; 6, Bell 27; 7, J M Jimenez (Sp) Banesto, 1.01; 8, A Sanchez (Sp) Artiach 1.04; 9, I Camacho (Sp) Kelme 1.31; 10, J Bruyneel (Bel) ONCE, 1.42. Overall standings: 1, Chiappucci 15hr 43min 35sec; 2, Delgado at 2sec behind; 3, Escartin 10; 4, Cubino 16; 5, Bell 36; 6, Sanchez 1.07; 7, Jimenez 1.19; 8, Olano 1.23; 9, Bruyneel 1.33; 10, Camacho 1.42.

GOLF

VOLVO EUROPEAN TOUR ORDER OF MERIT: 1, C Montgomerie (Scot) £536,324; 2, B Langer (Ger) £375,350; 3, J M Olazabal (Sp) £367,640; 4, M A Jimenez (Sp) £290,389; 5, D Gilford (Eng) £281,295; 6, M Roe (Eng) £279,327; 7, N Faldo (Eng) £243,509; 8, S Ballesteros (Sp) £241,513; 9, E Romero (Arg) £238,384; 10, E Els (SA) £230,459; 11, M McNulty (Zim) £227,443; 12, B Lane (Eng) £220,222; 13, H Clark (Eng) £219,630; 14, R Allenby (Aus) £219,[illegible]; 15, P Mitchell (Eng) £197,997; 16, C Mason (Eng) £185,138; 17, A Forsbrand (Swe) £175,031; 18, J Parnevik (Swe) £153,133; 19, P Fulke (Swe) £152,536; 20, G Brand Jr (Scot) £152,4[illegible].
OAKVILLE, Ontario: Men's tournament: Third-round scores (US unless stated): 206: M McCumber 74, 65, 67. 207: N Price (Zim) 67, 72, 68. 208: S Stricker 69, 70, 69; T Lehman 69, 69, 70. 209: R Fehr 72, 70, 67; G Day 69, 71, 69; M Calcavecchia 67, 71, 71; F Allem (SA) 69, 69, 71. 210: C Strange 74, 68, 68; G Morgan 69, 72, 69; D Halldorson (Can) 71, 70, 69; M O'Meara 66, 72, 72; J-D Blake 74, 63, 73. 211: B Kamm 71, 71, 69; B Andrade 71, 69, 71; P Mickelson 69, 71, 71; C Dennis 71, 66, 74; R Freeman 68, 68, 75. 212: D Edwards 73, 69, 70; G Kraft 72, 70, 70; P Wessels (SA) 68, 72, 72; J Maggert 70, 70, 72; P Stewart 68, 72, 72; D Waldorf 68, 72, 72. Other scores: 213: D Frost (SA) 73, 69, 71. 215: J Parnevik (Swe) 71, 69, 75; S Elkington (Aus) 69, 76, 70. 217: P Tataurangi (NZ) 71, 73, 73. 218: G Waite (NZ) 69, 75, 75. 220: D Feherty (GB) 70, 74, 76.
NIJMEGEN: Women's tournament: Final scores (GB & Ire unless stated): 214: L Weima (Hol) 74, 68, 72. 218: S Gronberg-Whitmore (Swe) 72, 74, 72. 218: S Hetherington (Aus) 73, 75, 70; J Morley 73, 74, 71; J Arnold (NZ) 74, 72, 72; C Matthew 74, 71, 73. 219: C Nilsmark (Swe) 75, 71, 73; L Lambert (Aus) 73, 72, 74. 220: S Elliott 76, 73, 71; L Navarro (Sp) 76, 72, 72. 221: D Reid 78, 72, 71; C Dibnah (Aus) 71, 76, 74. 222: G Stewart 74, 75, 73; [illegible] (Fr) 72, 75, 75; M Mackay 76, 71, 75. 223: [illegible] Michaud (Fr) 73, 78, 72; P Lautens (Swi) 72, 79, 72; S Prosser 73, 77, 73; K Espinasse (Fr) 74, 76, 73. 224: N Buron 78, 76, 70; M de Boer (Hol) 76, 75, 73; S Mendiburu (Fr) 73, 75, 76; M [illegible] (Swe) 73, 74, 77. 225: K Orum (Den) 80, 72, 73; P Meunier (Fr) 75, 76, 74; S Nickin 72, 75, 78; P Rigby (Swe) 76, 73, 76; A Doolan (Aus) 73, 75, 77.
PORTLAND, Oregon: Women's tournament: Early second-round scores (US unless stated): 140: E Crosby 72, 68; R Jones 71, 69; A Finney 71, 69; E Gibson 68, 72. 141: M McGeorge 72, 69; N Daghe 72, 69; R Walton 70, 71. 142: D Andrews 73, 69; Judy Dickinson 71, 71. 143: A Fruhwirth 74, 69. D Mochrie 70, 73. 144: P Jordan 74, 70; L Higgens 74, 70; C Hill 73, 71; J Gibson 71, 73; S Little (SA) 70, 74. 145: L Garbacz 78, 67; H Alfredsson (Swe) 75, 70; M Nause 74, 71; L Davies (GB) 72, 73; S Baldwin 71, 74.
MIDWAY: Seniors tournament: Second-round scores (US unless stated): 138: L Elgnelberger 71, 67. 139: G Marsh 71, 68. 140: B Miller 72, 68. 141: J C Snead 72, 69; D Stockton 71, 70; J Albus 70, 71; R Floyd 69, 72; J Colbert 69, 72; B Dickson 69, 72; Don Bies 74, 6[illegible].
HUDDERSFIELD: Women's home internationals: Ireland 5½ Wales 3½ (Ireland names first). Foursomes: E R Power and T Eakin halved with L Dermott and S Jones; H Kavanagh and I Cassidy [illegible]; and A-M Magee 5 and 4; E Higgins and L Webb halved with V Thomas and A Donne. Singles: Power lost to Thomas 2 and 1; Hackett bt Dermott 2 and 1; Higgins bt S Turner 2 and 1; Cassidy halved with Jones; Kavanagh lost to Richards 3 and 2; Eakin bt Donne 5 and 4.
England 6 Scotland 3 (England names first): Foursomes: J Hall and L Walton bt M McKay and L Roxburgh 6 and 5; S Lambert and K Speak bt F McKay and A Rose 1 hole; F Brown and E Duggleby lost to S McMaster and J Ford 1 hole. Singles: Hall lost to M McKay 2 and 1; Walton and Rose halved; Duggleby and Ford halved; Brown bt J Melvin 1 hole; Lambert bt McMaster 2 and 1; Speak bt McKay 2 and 1.

HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Bournville 1 Reading 3; Canterbury 4 Old Loughtonians 4; East Grinstead 4 Hull 1; Firebrands 1 Southgate 4; Havant 1 Stourport 1; Hounslow 3 Slough 2; Surbiton 3 Guildford 0; Teddington 3 Trojans 2.

ICE HOCKEY

BENSON & HEDGES CUP: Group A: Fife 12 Edinburgh 1; Teesside 7 Paisley 3; Fife 10 Edinburgh 1; Teesside 7 Paisley 3. Group B: Telford 7 Durham 10; Trafford 3 Whitley 5; Telford 7 Durham 10; Trafford 3. Group C: Nottingham 8 Peterborough 4; Milton Keynes 6 Sheffield 7; Nottingham 8 Peterborough 4; Milton Keynes 6 Sheffield 7. Group D: Basingstoke 7 Slough 6; Medway 6 Bracknell 5; Basingstoke 7 Slough 6; Medway 6 Bracknell 2.
AUTUMN TROPHY: Group A: Guildford 14 Lee Valley 4. Group B: Swindon 3 Dumfries 2.

MODERN PENTATHLON

DARMSTADT, Germany: World Cup final: Men: 1, D Svatkovsky (Russ) 5,365pts; 2, V Tourchin (Lat) 5,347; 3, G Stachkevicius (Lith) 5,322; 4, C Ruer (Fr) 5,277; 5, I Trzeciakowski (Pol) 5,218; 6, A Smirnov (Bela) 5,175; 7, S Karshun (Bela) 5,164; 8, I Cheljakov (Kaz) 5,155. Women: 1, E Suvorova (Russ) 5,135; 2, D Idzi (Pol) 5,148; 3, E [illegible] 5,120; 4, I Kowalewska (Pol) 5,[illegible]; 5, [illegible] (Bela) 4,952; 6, E Sapegina (Russ) 4,931; 7, F Fognetti (It) 4,985; 8, E Fuentes (Den) 4,565.

MOTOR SPORT

SILVERSTONE: Auto Trader RAC British Touring Car championship: Round 18 (... laps, 29.23 miles): 1, T Harvey (GB) Renault Laguna, 18min 36.68sec (94.[illegible]mph); 2, G Tarquini (It) Alfa Romeo 155, at 0.75secs; 3, A Menu (Switz), Renault Laguna, at 3.50secs; 4, J Cleland (GB), Vauxhall Cavalier, at 7.31secs; 5, J Bailey (GB) Toyota Carina, at 10.94secs; 6, S Soper (GB), BMW. Round 19 (... laps, 57.70 miles): 1, Tarquini 24 43.95 (91.49mph); 2, Menu at 1.39secs; 3, Soper at 3.40secs; 4, Cleland at 6.63secs; 5, Soper at 12.12secs; 6, Bailey at 14.17secs; 7, Hoy at 14.59secs; 8, A Reid (GB) Ford Mondeo at 17.54secs; 9, Ahern at 17.77secs; 10, Sugden at 22.76secs. Fastest lap: Tarquini 1 51.51 (92.21mph). Total Cup privateers winner: J Kaye (GB), Toyota Carina. Championship positions: Drivers: 1, Tarquini 298pts; 2, Menu 186; 3, P Radisich (NZ) Ford Mondeo 180; 4, Cleland 166; 5, Jo Winkelhock (Ger) BMW 150; 6, Soper 120. Manufacturers: 1, Alfa Romeo 294; 2, Renault 223; 3, BMW 220; 4, Ford 219; 5, Vauxhall 214; 6, Peugeot 154. Total Cup privateers: 1, Kaye 304; 2, Smith 298; 3, C Goodwin (GB) [illegible] 240.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Stones Bitter Championship

First division

Bradford 48 Widnes 4
Bradford: Tries: Myers 3, Hall 2, Summers 2, Fox, Watson. Goals: Fox 6. Widnes: Try: Hadley. Att: 6,070.

Castleford 28 Sheffield 9
Castleford: Tries: Steadman 2, Blackmore, Nikau, C Smith. Goals: Kellendge 2, Steadman 2. Sheffield: Tries: Broadbent, Hughes. Dropped goal: Briggs. Att: 4,325.

Doncaster 22 Wakefield 10
Doncaster: Tries: J Ellis 2, Pennant. Whakarau. Goals: Green 3. Wakefield: Tries: Bailey, Child. Goals: Whitaker. Att: 3,977.

Halifax 46 Hull 12
Halifax: Tries: Divorty 2, Preston 2, Bentley, Hampson, Perrett, Schuster. Goals: Schuster 7. Hull: Tries: A Jackson, Smark, Wilson. Att: 4,000.

Salford 24 Featherstone 24
Salford: Tries: McAvoy 2, Coussons, Mahon. Goals: Mahon 2, Blakeley. Brown. Featherstone: Tries: Aston, Gibson, Pearson, Southernwood. Goals: Pearson 4. Att: 3,410.

Warrington 56 Oldham 6
Warrington: Tries: Ellis 2, Forster 2, Harris 2, Bateman, Chambers, Davies. Goals: Davies 9. Dropped goal: Mackey. Oldham: Try: Crompton. Goal: Gartland. Att: 5,079.

Workington 25 St Helens 30
Workington: Tries: Mulligan 2, Fawcett, Smith. Goals: Marwood 4. Dropped goal: Mulligan. St Helens: Tries: Fickanauce 2, Fogerty, Goulding, P Loughlin, Nickle. Goals: Goulding 3. Att: 4,230.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bradford	5	5	0	0	170	48	10
Wigan	4	4	0	0	172	50	8
Castleford	4	4	0	0	132	57	8
Warrington	6	3	1	2	155	84	7
Doncaster	4	3	0	1	79	52	6
Leeds	4	3	0	1	82	74	6
St Helens	5	3	0	2	124	135	6
Halifax	4	2	0	2	118	79	4
Widnes	4	2	0	2	67	125	4
Salford	5	1	1	3	111	133	3
Featherstone	4	1	1	2	85	136	3
Sheffield	4	1	0	3	64	100	2
Wakefield	4	1	0	3	45	107	2
Hull	4	0	1	3	74	143	1
Workington	4	0	0	4	61	109	0
Oldham	4	0	0	4	50	150	0

Second division

Bramley 30 Whitehaven 14
Dewsbury 75 Barrow 9
Highfield 8 Leigh 80
Huddersfield 42 Hunslet 12
Hull KR 50 Swinton 0
London Broncos 10 Keighley 30
Rochdale 42 Carlisle 32
Ryedale York 35 Batley 8

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hull KR	4	4	0	0	212	40	8
Keighley	4	3	1	0	116	52	7
Leigh	4	3	0	1	159	36	6
Batley	4	3	0	1	131	51	6
Ryedale York	4	2	1	1	137	51	5
Dewsbury	3	2	0	1	110	45	4
Huddersfield	4	2	0	2	110	63	4
Rochdale	4	2	0	2	116	108	4
London Broncos	4	2	0	2	78	81	4
Whitehaven	4	2	0	2	62	86	4
Swinton	3	2	0	1	39	86	4
Bramley	4	1	0	3	67	85	2
Carlisle	4	1	0	3	79	136	2
Hunslet	4	1	0	3	63	165	2
Barrow	4	0	0	4	52	190	0
Highfield	4	0	0	4	24	280	0

NATIONAL CONFERENCE LEAGUE: Premier division: Askam 16 West Hull 18; Chorley 28 Hemel Hempstead 16; Leigh MW 25 Dudley Hill 22; Mayfield 36 Wigan St Patricks 14; Saddleworth 9 Heworth 12; Woolston 18 Egremont 6.
WINFIELD CUP: Major semi-final: Canterbury-Bankstown 19 Canberra Raiders 18. Elimination semi-final: North Sydney 15 Brisbane Broncos 14.

SHOOTING

BISLEY: City Rifle Club Open: Arkill Cup (Queen's I): 1, V Carpenter (Lloyds Bank) 102 12pts; 2, W Haag (Greshams) 100.13; 3, C Behn (S London) 100.11. Barlow Prize (Queen's II): 1, Behn 145.12; 2, P Jaques (City) 144.15; 3, V Measures (Twickenham) 143.13. Saturday Aggregate: 1, Behn 245.23; 2, Carpenter 244.25; 3, Jaques 240.23. Builders Cup (900 yds): 1, A Clark (RNTRC) 48.3; 2, P Coley (RNTRC) 47.3; 3, R Holding (NLRC) 47.2. Cornish Cup (900 yds): 1, Coley 71.10; 2, R Betts (Manydown) 71.8; 3, Haag 71.7. Freemantle Cup (1,000 yds): 1, Coley 71.7; 2, Carpenter 70.9; 3, Measures 69.1. Sunday Agg: 1, Carpenter 186.10; 2, Measures 184.15; 3, Jaques 182.13. Open Championship: 1, Carpenter 430.75; 2, Coley 427.39. Royal Navy TRC Championship: Short Range: 1, J Tuck 240; 2, P Coley 238; 3, J Saunders 235. Middle Aggregate: 1, Tuck 131; 2, Coley 131. Long Range: 1, Coley 189.20; 2, A Clark 180.10; 3, Tuck 179.10. RNTRC Championship: 1, Coley 427.39; 2, Tuck 419.34; 3, Clark 411.27. Top Tyro: S Wannsley 388.20. Stock Exchange RC Championship: 1, J Miller 233.18; 2, W Harer 231.19; 3, H Tucker 230.20. Cambridgeshire Championship: 1, A Robertson 381.37; 2, C Beecher 373.35; 3, C Stone 372.23.

SPEEDWAY

BRITISH LEAGUE: First division: Coventry 46 Ipswich 50.

SWIMMING

ROME: World championships

SYCHRONIZED SWIMMING: Duet: Final: 1, B Dyroen-Lancer and J Sudduth (US) 187.009pts; 2, F Okuno and M Tachibana (Japan) 188.259; 3, L Alexander and E Woodley (Can) 186.259; 4, M Aeschbacher and M Lignot (Fr) 180.875; 5, O Brousalena and I Pankratova (Russ) 179.340; 6, S Cardenas and L Lilien (Mex) 178.932; 7, G Burlando and P Celli (It) 178.347; 8, L Vakil and K Shacklock (GB), 177.674. Japan awarded second for higher artistic impression score.
SWIMMING: Men: 50m freestyle: Final: 1, A Popov (Russ) 22.17sec; 2, G Hall (US) 22.44; 3, R Mazolis (Lith) 22.52; 4, G Borges (Br) 22.84; 5, C Kalfayan (Fr) 22.85; 6, M Foster (GB) 22.76; 7, K Cvetina (Pol) 22.89; 8, Y Bruck (Isr) 22.94.
100 backstroke: Final: 1, M Lopez-Zubero (Sp) 55.17sec; 2, J Rouse (US) 55.51; 3, T Deutsch (Ger) 55.69; 4, V Selkov (Russ) 55.72; 5, B Retterer (US) 55.77; 6, R Falcon (Cuba) 55.85; 7, T Weber (Ger) 55.98; 8, M Harris (GB) 56.21. B Final: 3, A Ruckwood (GB) 56.69.
200m butterfly: Final: 1, D Pankratov (Russ) 1min 56.54sec; 2, D Loader (NZ) 1.57.98; 3, C-C Bremer (Ger) 1.58.11; 4, U Taner (US) 1.58.42; 5, K Galka (Pol) 1.58.66; 6, F Esposito (Fr) 1.58.82; 7, D Silantev (Ukr) 1.59.81; 8, M Hermann (Ger) 2.00.56. B Final: 7, K Crosby (GB) 2.02.31.
200m breaststroke final: 1, N Rozsa (Hun) 2:12.81; 2, E Wunderlich (US) 2:12.87; 3, K Guttler (Hun) 2:14.12; 4, N Gillingham (GB) 2:14.25.
200m individual medley: Final: 1, J Sievinen (Fin) 1min 58.16sec (world record); 2, G Burgess (US) 2:00.86; 3, A Czene (Hun) 2:01.84; 4, E Namesnik (US) 2:02.01; 5, C Keller (Ger) 2:02.87; 6, X Marchand (Fr) 2:03.05; 7, S Marinuk (Mol) 2:04.31; 8, J Leitzin (Ger) 2:04.70.
1,500m freestyle: Final: 1, K Perkins (Aus) 14min 50.52sec; 2, D Kowalski (Aus) 14.53.42; 3, S Zesner (Ger) 15:09.20; 4, J Hoffmann (Ger) 15:13.95; 5, C Bruser (US) 15:15.64; 6, M Hirano (Japan) 15:16.59; 7, I Wilson (GB) 15:20.58; 8, G Smith (GB) 15:29.24.
Women: 50m freestyle: Final: 1, Le Jingyi (China) 24.51sec (world record); 2, N Mesheryakova (Russ) 25.10; 3, A van Dyken (US) 25.18; 4, F van Almsick (Ger) 25.40; 5, A Myers Martino (US) 25.46; 6, Lu Bin (China) 25.52; 7, A Postma (Holl) 25.55; 8, S Minamoto (Japan) 25.85. British non-qualifier: Heat 6: 8, S Rolph 26.78.
100m breaststroke final: 1, S Riley (Aus) 1:07.69 (world record); 2, D Guohong (China) 1:09.26; 3, Y Yuan (China) 1:10.18; 4, L Flood (Can) 1:10.22; 5, B Becue (Bel) 1:10.41; 6, P Heyns (SA) 1:10.48; 7, M Tanaka (Japan) 1:10.51; 8, O Prokhorova (Russ) 1:11.64.
200m butterfly: Final: 1, Liu Limin (China) 2min 7.25sec; 2, Qu Yun (China) 2:07.42; 3, S O'Neill (Aus) 2:09.54; 4, M Jacobsen (Den) 2:12.76; 5, M Smith (Irl) 2:12.79; 6, T Kunimitsu (Japan) 2:13.85; 7, K Jake (Germany) 2:14.93; 8, A Uryniuk (Pol) 2:15.39.
200m backstroke: Final: 1, He Cihong (China) 2min 7.40sec; 2, K Egerszegi (Hun) 2:09.10; 3, L Vigarani (It) 2:10.92; 4, B Bedford (US) 2:11.01; 5, A Simcic (NZ) 2:12.88; 6, F Salvalaio (It) 2:13.93; 7, N Stevenson (Aus) 2:14.10; 8, M Nakamura (Japan) 2:16.21.
200m individual medley: Final: 1, Lu Bin (China) 2min 12.34sec; 2, A Wagner (US) 2:14.40; 3, E Overton (Aus) 2:15.26; 4, M Limpert (Can) 2:15.93; 5, D Hunger (Ger) 2:16.41; 6, N Hetslett (US) 2:16.56; 7, H Mashara (Japan) 2:16.88; 8, B Vestergaard (Den) 2:17.28. British non-qualifier: Heat 4: 6, S Rolph 2:21.82 7.
800 freestyle: Final: 1, J Evans (US) 8min 29.85sec; 2, H Lewis (Aus) 8:29.94; 3, B Bennett (US) 8:31.30; 4, J Henke (Ger) 8:32.42; 5, Luo Ping (China) 8:33.09; 6, S Gartrell (Aus) 8:38.70; 7, C Poll (C Rica) 8:38.79; 8, I Dalby (Nor) 8:43.54.
4 x 100m medley relay: Final: 1, China (He Cihong, Dai Guohong, Liu Limin, Le Jingyi) 4min 1.67sec (world record, He Cihong's backstroke time, 1:00.16 world record); 2, United States 4:06.53; 3, Russia 4:06.70; 4, Australia 4:06.95; 5, Japan 4:11.18; 6, Italy 4:12.41; 7, Canada 4:14.05; 8, France 4:14.11.
WATER POLO: Men: Final: Italy 10 Spain 5. Third place play-off: Russia 14 Croatia 13. Fifth place play-off: Hungary 10 Holland 6. Seventh place play-off: United States 8 Greece 7. Ninth place play-off: Germany 12 Cuba 6. Eleventh place play-off: Australia 11, Kazakhstan 8. Thirteenth place play-off: Romania 10 Canada 8. Fifteenth place play-off: South Africa 3 New Zealand 2.

TENNIS

SOUTHSEA: LTA Summer Satellite Circuit: Men: Final: N Gould (GB) bt G Henderson (GB) 6-0, 7-5. Women: Final: S Geria (Ger) bt C Grunes (Ger) 6-1, 6-3.

YACHTING

ITCHENOR: National Swallow championship: 1, S86, Buccaneer (Helm: M Peacock, Crew: M Bond, R Fiedy) 3½pts; 2, S73, Kingfisher (Helm: J Cunnison, Crew: T Franks, M Struckett) 4¾; 3, S64, Bluff (Helm: J Felkner, Crew: C Graves, M Harrison) 12¾.

MOTORCROSS

ROGGENBURG, Switzerland: Team championship: Race one (125/500cc) 1, Y Demaria (Fr), 500 Honda; 2, M LaRocco (US), 500 Kawasaki; 3, K Nicoll (GB), 500 Honda; 4, J Martens (Bel), 500 Husqvarna; 5, D Lacher (Ger), 500 Honda; 6, P Malin (GB), 125 Yamaha; 7, J-Emig (US), 125 Yamaha; 8, P Beirer (Ger), 125 Suzuki. Race two (125/250cc): 1, M Bervoets (Bel), 250 Suzuki; 2, R Herring (GB), 250 Kawasaki; 3, F Bolley (Fr), 250 Yamaha; 4, M Kiedrowski (US), 250 Kawasaki; 5, Martens; 6, A Chiodi (It), 250 Honda; 7, P Tragter (Holl), 250 Suzuki; 8, Emig. Race 3 (250/500cc) 1, LaRocco; 2, Bolley; 3, Bervoets; 4, G Albertyn (SA), 250 Suzuki; 5, Nicoll; 6, Chiodi; 7, Kiedrowski; 8, Martens. Team: 1, Great Britain 5pts; 2, United States 11; 3, France 13; 4, Belgium 18; 5, Germany 21; 6, Holland 28.

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Worcestershire's double chance dashed by Croft

BY ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

CARDIFF (Worcestershire won toss): Glamorgan (4pts) beat Worcestershire by 29 runs

SUNDAYS are still special in Wales. It was not quite the same as this time last year, when the season's emotional finale brought Glamorgan their first limited-overs trophy, but at the end of a dispiriting summer the faithful of Cardiff were jubilant yesterday just to see Worcestershire deprived of the chance to succeed them.

Glamorgan did so in remarkable fashion. Worcestershire required only 169 to join Warwickshire on 50 points with one Sunday of the AXA Equity & Law League to complete. At 63 without loss it seemed a formality. At 76 for seven it was a lost cause.

Robert Croft, almost single-handed, had sabotaged Worcestershire. In 27 balls he took six wickets for six runs, confirming the suspicion that, on this pitch, the slower you bowled the more menacing you became. Croft finished with six for 20, the best Glamorgan figures in one-day cricket. The fact that Worcestershire's two spin bowlers, Illingworth and Hick, together took only two wickets for 51 was a stark and decisive contrast.

The Sunday title is now essentially a two-horse race. Warwickshire will complete the hat-trick, unprecedented in county cricket, if they beat the bottom side, Gloucestershire, at Bristol. Should they lose, Kent can overhaul them by beating Surrey at the Oval.

One of the abiding images of last season is of Croft, that most ebullient of cricketers, noisy but misty eyed as he celebrated Glamorgan's last-day win over Kent, their closest challengers. Like four other Glamorgan players, success brought him a winter tour, but he, in common with the others, has lost form inexplicably this summer.

Glamorgan, missing the self-belief which was Vivian Richards's invaluable input, are heading for the championship wooden spoon and have never threatened to retain their Sunday title. Hugh Morris, the captain, has suffered a sad and painful year and now faces further knee surgery. Croft was briefly dropped to the second team.

	P	W	L	D	NR	Pts
Warwicks (10)	16	12	3	0	1	50
Kent (2)	16	12	4	0	0	48
Worcs (16)	16	11	4	0	1	46
Lancashire (6)	16	10	5	0	1	42
Glamorgan (1)	16	9	5	1	1	40
Yorkshire (9)	16	9	6	0	1	38
Surrey (5)	16	8	5	0	3	38
Derbyshire (11)	16	7	7	0	2	32
Durham (7)	16	6	6	1	3	32
Leics (14)	16	7	8	0	1	30
Notts (17)	16	6	7	0	3	30
Hampshire (15)	16	6	10	0	0	24
Northants (8)	16	5	9	1	1	24
Middlesex (9)	16	5	10	0	1	22
Sussex (4)	16	5	10	0	1	22
Somerset (16)	16	5	11	0	0	20
Essex (12)	16	4	10	1	1	20
Glocs (13)	16	4	11	0	1	18

(Last season's positions in brackets)

It was Morris's benefit game yesterday but he had to sit it out. Like the healthy crowd, however, he will have enjoyed himself. It was not the sort of Sunday game people expect, for the ball dominated almost throughout. But on a pitch slower even than the Cardiff norm, and turning generously, it was never uninteresting.

The tone was set by the first dismissal. Dale tried to drive and demonstrated it to be inadvisable. The ball held up on him and the return catch was tame. No boundaries were struck until the twelfth over and Maynard's first ball, but even the determined strokeplay of the acting captain had an inevitable end.

Nobody reached 30 for Glamorgan but Croft came closest and his supervision of the later stages was crucial. He remains a talented young cricketer, as well as an engaging character, and, if others have now usurped him in the queue for Test cricket, at 24 he is young enough to come again.

Sensibly, Maynard brought him on after only 13 overs of the Worcestershire reply. It was not a moment too soon. Curtis and Moody, in their familiarly productive way, had milked the early seam bowling in such style that the only obstacle to an away win was the deteriorating weather. Croft quickly gave them something more urgent to consider.

His second over swung the game. Moody was leg-before, swinging across the second ball, and Hick, playing a casual walking stroke, was bowled by the next. Haynes narrowly survived his first ball but not his second. Worcestershire now had the red mists and Leatherdale called Curtis for a brainless single in the next over.

Croft suddenly assumed an unplayable aura and, in undignified succession, Leatherdale, Church and Rhodes all perished to him, hopelessly misjudging the pace of the pitch. There was no way back from there, hard though Lampitt tried, and there will be no one-day double now for Worcestershire.

JAMES VELLACOTT



Lefebvre, of Glamorgan, has difficulty playing into the leg side against Worcestershire at Cardiff yesterday

Confident Kent maintain title hopes

BY SIMON WILDE

CANTERBURY (Somerset won toss): Kent (4pts) beat Somerset by 66 runs

KENT'S hopes of winning their first trophy since 1978 are still alive and well. An easy win over Somerset yesterday, in tandem with Worcestershire's demise at Cardiff, means that they are the only team that can stop Warwickshire taking the Sunday league title next week. With Kent possessing the superior run-rate, a washout of Warwickshire's fixture at Bristol next Sunday would suit them very nicely.

On a Canterbury pitch that did little to assist the strokemaker, Kent's prolific batting line-up was so frustrated that it was unable to make full use of its allocation of overs, but a total of 172 was more than enough to seal a handsome victory.

Somerset are not, in any conditions, over-endowed with strokemakers, and the loss of Lathwell, holing out to point, and Harden, who dragged a ball into his stumps, in the sixth over of the innings sent them into even greater introspection than usual.

The inexperienced Keith Parsons, Lathwell's opening partner, held firm for 16 overs, during which he garnered 18, but his departure set in train a steady procession of West Country visitors to the crease. The fiery McCague dispatched four of them — Hayhurst with a beautiful slow ball — and Hooper, who conceded just ten runs in his eight overs of off-spin, two.

Mallender, by eschewing the conventional risks, managed to edge out Parsons as his side's top-scorer, with 19, but Somerset were all out for 106 in the final over without ever mounting a serious challenge.

Kent's innings was a staccato affair. In their three previous 40-overs match, they had batted first and topped 250; yesterday, they never looked like making so many once Ward, having lost Fleming and Hooper inside six overs, clipped Trump into the hands of Hallett at square leg to end a typically rumbustious 46.

Kent were then 78 for four in the seventeenth over, Ward having hit six fours and one six from his 43 balls, and subsequently the only batting of authority came from Llong. He dominated a partnership of 51 with Ealham, who contributed just nine to a nine-over association.

Llong threatened something even more telling than 55 from 59 balls when he whipped the gentle medium-pace of Hallett for two long-on sixes in the same over, but with wickets falling at the other end, he had to temper his aggression.

Record for one-day competition falls to big hitters

BY IVO TENNANT

THE most astounding cricket in the AXA Equity & Law Sunday League yesterday was at Scarborough, where only the previous day Ted Lester, the best known Yorkshire cricketer to have come from this famous resort, was talking with affection of the days when the ball cleared the houses in Trafalgar Road. Yesterday it was struck with such venom that Surrey gained the record score in the history of this competition, 375 for four.

Their total beat by 15 runs the previous record, set by Somerset in 1990. There were two century-makers: Brown, who struck 133 from 84 balls with five sixes and 13 fours, and Thorpe, an unbeaten 102 from 81 balls. Hollioake hit 59 from only 19 balls. Yorkshire's bowling — Stemp's six overs went for 71 — fielding and, inevitably, batting, fell away. They lost by the embarrassing margin of 205 runs.

Everything else seemed insignificant by comparison, although Lancashire, by dint of beating Durham, ensured that they still have a chance of finishing with some prize money. Their fast bowler, Martin, has the prospect of gaining more than that: his figures of five for 32 took his tally for the season to 29, which means he is the leading wicket-taker in this competition. His prospective prize is £3,000.

Walker, the Durham medium-pacer, also had 24 wickets at the start of play. Yet he failed to add to his tally in this match, which Lancashire won by five wickets with two overs to spare. There were solid contributions down the order. For Durham, Longley made a half-century off 68 balls but received all too little support.

Dharmani denies England victory

BY IVO TENNANT

ENGLAND Under-19, 1-0 down in their series against India after a heavy defeat at Taunton, could do no more than draw their final match yesterday. That India saved the follow-on and, indeed, the match, owed much to a splendid innings of 178 by their wicketkeeper, Pankaj Dharmani.

Having made 110 overnight, he batted in all for 403 minutes. England, 12 runs adrift on first innings, lost four wickets in such play as remained. Trescothick, scorer of a double-century earlier in the match, ran himself out for 25, which took his aggregate of runs for the series to 457.

There are just five days of championship cricket remaining this season, yet still much to be decided. Leicestershire, in spite of having lost their last three matches, are still best-placed to finish runners-up.

At Grace Road, Hampshire are only 24 runs ahead of them with five second-innings wickets in hand. Surrey will need to make a score in the region of 300 to beat Yorkshire, assuming they can rid themselves of Blakey early this morning.

A year ago, Middlesex had become champions. By beating Gloucestershire in three days, they have the chance of finishing second. Who knows what might have occurred had Tufnell been available all season? His return on Saturday, six for 35, was that of a top-class spinner.

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Britannic Assurance county championship

Third day of four

Middlesex v Gloucestershire

LORD'S: Middlesex (24pts) beat Gloucestershire (3) by an innings and 63 runs

MIDDLESEX: First Innings 318 for 3 dec (J D Carr 261 not out, P N Weekes 54, M A Roseberry 59)

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings 199 (J E Emburey 4 for 57)

Second Innings

A J Wright c Roseberry b Tufnell	79
M G N Windows c Brown b Williams	23
G D Hodgson c Roseberry b Emburey	5
*C A Walsh c Brown b Tufnell	1
V Pike b Williams	13
R I Dawson c Weekes b Emburey	57
M W Alleyne c Emburey b Tufnell	3
*T H C Hancock c Brown b Tufnell	9
†R C Russell c sub b Tufnell	0
R C Williams not out	7
M C J Ball c Roseberry b Tufnell	11
Extras (b 5, lb 21, nb 14)	40
Total (110 wkts)	251

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-40, 2-55, 3-80, 4-86, 5-213, 6-215, 7-230, 8-230, 9-231.

BOWLING: Fraser 17-4-55-0; Williams 12-0-45-2; Emburey 30-19-60-2; Tufnell 28.5-13-35-6; Weekes 6-1-27-0.

Umpires: J W Holder and M J Kitchen.

Leicestershire v Hampshire

LEICESTER: Hampshire, with five second-innings wickets in hand, are 24 runs ahead of Leicestershire

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings 225 (R A Smith 123; D J Millns 5 for 59)

Second Innings

V P Terry b Millns	9
P R Whitaker c Millns b Simmons	54
G W White c Briers b Parsons	9
R A Smith b Simmons	13
*M C J Nicholas c and b Pierson	10
K D James not out	8
†A N Aymes not out	4
Extras (lb 6, nb 4)	10
Total (5 wkts)	132

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-28, 2-68, 3-95, 4-128, 5-144.

BOWLING: Millns 11-3-17-1; Parsons 8-1-17-1; Wells 6-0-23-0; Pierson 21-7-43-1; Simmons 16-5-40-2.

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings

P V Simmons lbw b Connor	18
*N E Briers b Bovill	22
T J Boon c Terry b Bovill	2
J J Whitaker c Aymes b Connor	23
V J Wells c Nicholas b Bovill	41
†P E Robinson c White b Connor	13
†P A Nixon c Connor b Bovill	131
J M Dakin c Nicholas b Connor	18
G J Parsons lbw b James	15
A R K Pierson c Udal b Bovill	27
D J Millns not out	22
Extras (b 1, lb 13, nb 8)	22
Total (108.4 overs)	363

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-27, 2-34, 3-65, 4-69, 5-90, 6-192, 7-239, 8-262, 9-320.

BOWLING: Bovill 24.4-5-108-5; Connor 30-7-87-4; Thursfield 14-4-52-0; Udal 26-5-70-0; James 12-1-42-1.

Bonus Points: Leicestershire 3 Hampshire 5

Umpires: J H Hampshire and R A White.

Kent v Somerset

CANTERBURY: Somerset, with six second-innings wickets in hand, are 173 runs behind Kent

SOMERSET: First Innings 106 (T N Wren 6 for 46)

Second Innings

M N Lathwell c Marsh b McCague	52
K A Parsons c Marsh b Wren	9
R J Harden lbw b Wren	1
P C L Holloway c Hooper b McCague	16
*A N Hayhurst not out	17
†R J Turner not out	9
Extras (lb 5, w 2)	7
Total (4 wkts)	111

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-32, 2-34, 3-70, 4-94.

BOWLING: McCague 15-3-32-2; Wren 16-8-38-2; Patel 15-7-20-0; Hooper 1-0-7-0; Ealham 5-3-6-0.

KENT: First Innings

D P Fulton lbw b Mallender	1
T R Ward c Trump b Caddick	40
M J Walker c Parsons b Caddick	37
N R Taylor b van Troost	120
C L Hooper c Lathwell b van Troost	127
*M R Benson b Hallett	5
M A Ealham c Lathwell b Hallett	19
†S A Marsh c van Troost b Hallett	0
M J McCague run out	7
M M Patel lbw b Hallett	2
T N Wren not out	0
Extras (lb 5, w 5, nb 24)	34
Total (59.2 overs)	392

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-3, 2-75, 3-84, 4-302, 5-307, 6-356, 7-356, 8-375, 9-392.

BOWLING: Caddick 16-0-90-2; Mallender 14-3-61-1; van Troost 21-1-115-2; Trump 9-2-39-0; Hallett 24.2-10-69-4; Hayhurst 9-2-29-0.

Bonus Points: Kent 8 Somerset 4.

Umpires: D J Constant and A A Jones.

Yorkshire v Surrey

SCARBOROUGH: Yorkshire, with two second-innings wickets in hand, are 251 runs ahead of Surrey

YORKSHIRE: First Innings 379 (S Parker 127; A P Grayson 85; A C S Pigott 4 for 85)

Second Innings

*M D Moxon lbw b M P Bicknell	0
S A Kellett st Stewart b Smith	43
D Byas lbw b M P Bicknell	4
A P Grayson c Thorpe b Bolling	75
†R J Blakey not out	55
S Parker c Butcher b Bolling	28
P J Hartley c Butcher b M P Bicknell	0
D Gough b M P Bicknell	2
R D Stemp lbw b M P Bicknell	6
J D Batty not out	4
Extras (lb 1, lb 2, nb 4)	7
Total (8 wkts)	219

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-4, 3-117, 4-123, 5-161, 6-182, 7-188, 8-200.

BOWLING: M P Bicknell 21-7-44-5; Pigott 11-3-25-0; Smith 29-5-77-1; Butcher 4-0-14-0; Bolling 26-7-58-2.

SURREY: First Innings

D J Bicknell c Byas b Gough	79
M A Butcher st Blakey b Stemp	76
G P Thorpe c Stemp b Hartley	3
A J Stewart b Gough	4
A D Brown b Gough	2
D M Ward lbw b Gough	7
A J Hollioake b Robinson	68
A W Smith b Gough	0
J Bolling c Blakey b Gough	27
M P Bicknell not out	7
A C S Pigott b Hartley	5
Extras (lb 10, lb 7, w 1, nb 10)	28
Total (107.4 overs)	307

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-159, 2-162, 3-172, 4-173, 5-184, 6-185, 7-185, 8-289, 9-295.

BOWLING: Gough 30-10-66-6; Robinson 18.4-47-1; Hartley 14.4-2-50-2; Batty 14-4-48-0; Stemp 29-11-74-1; Grayson 2-0-5-0.

Bonus Points: Yorkshire 6 Surrey 7

Umpires: J C Balderstone and J D Bond.

No play

DERBY: Derbyshire 241 (D G Cork 94; M C Ilott 4 for 65) and 52-1; Essex 180 (G A Gooch 76; S J Base 4 for 57).

CARDIFF: Worcestershire 265 (T M Moody 66, W P C Weston 65; O D Gibson 6 for 64); Glamorgan 134-3.

AXA Equity & Law League

Glamorgan v Worcs

CARDIFF (Worcestershire won toss): Glamorgan (4pts) beat Worcestershire by 29 runs

GLAMORGAN

S P James run out	25
A Dale c and b Moody	0
D L Hemp c Rhodes b Illingworth	15
*M P Maynard c Leatherdale b Lampitt	28
P A Cottey c Rhodes b Radford	29
O D Gibson st Rhodes b Illingworth	7
R D B Croft not out	29
R P Lefebvre c Haynes b Newport	16
†C P Metson b Radford	1
S L Watkin c Rhodes b Newport	4
S R Barwick b Newport	0
Extras (lb 8, w 8)	16
Total (39.5 overs)	168

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-37, 3-71, 4-80, 5-114, 6-114, 7-152, 8-160, 9-168.

BOWLING: Moody 8-1-17-1; Newport 7.5-1-39-3; Illingworth 8-0-32-2; Lampitt 8-0-22-1; Hick 4-0-19-0; Radford 6-1-31-2.

WORCESTERSHIRE

T M Moody lbw b Croft	39
*T S Curtis run out	25
G A Hick b Croft	0
G R Haynes lbw b Croft	0
D A Leatherdale c and b Croft	3
M Church c Maynard b Croft	4
†S J Rhodes c Cottey b Croft	4
S R Lampitt b Lefebvre	28
R K Illingworth run out	15
N V Radford not out	14
P J Newport run out	0
Extras (lb 3, w 4)	7
Total (37.2 overs)	139

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-63, 2-63, 3-63, 4-84, 5-70, 6-75, 7-76, 8-110, 9-139

BOWLING: Lefebvre 7-0-29-1; Watkin 8-0-31-0; Barwick 8-1-24-0; Croft 8-0-20-6; Cottey 2-0-15-0; Gibson 4.2-0-17-0.

Umpires: G I Burgess and D R Shepherd.

Yorkshire v Surrey

SCARBOROUGH (Yorkshire won toss): Surrey (4pts) beat Yorkshire by 205 runs

SURREY

D J Bicknell lbw b Robinson	20
A D Brown b Grayson	133
G P Thorpe not out	102
D M Ward b Hamilton	27
A J Hollioake c Robinson b Gough	39
A C S Pigott not out	14
Extras (b 2, lb 4, w 12, nb 2)	20
Total (4 wkts, 40 overs)	375

A J Stewart, S G Kenlock, M P Bicknell, J Bolling and J E Benjamin did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-79, 2-239, 3-280, 4-358.

BOWLING: Hartley 8-2-61-0; Gough 8-0-62-1; Robinson 8-1-43-1, Hamilton 6-0-75-1; Stemp 8-0-71-0; Grayson 3-0-39-1; Byas 1-0-18-0.

YORKSHIRE

*M D Moxon b M P Bicknell	37
D Byas c D J Bicknell b M P Bicknell	13
†R J Blakey c Bolling b Kenlock	39
B Parker c Kenlock b M P Bicknell	7
A P Grayson c Bolling b Pigott	0
A A Metcalfe c Stewart b Kenlock	15
P J Hartley c M P Bicknell b Kenlock	4
D Gough c Ward b Kenlock	39
G M Hamilton run out	11
R D Stemp c Kenlock b M P Bicknell	1
M A Robinson not out	0
Extras (lb-3, w 1)	4
Total (28.2 overs)	170

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-44, 2-59, 3-69, 4-69, 5-106, 6-118, 7-119, 8-139, 9-164.

BOWLING: Benjamin 5-0-27-0; M P Bicknell 7-0-50-4; Pigott 5-1-29-1; Kenlock 7.2-1-30-4; Bolling 4-0-31-0

Umpires: J C Balderstone and J D Bond.

Kent v Somerset

CANTERBURY (Somerset won toss): Kent (4pts) beat Somerset by 66 runs

KENT

T R Ward c Hallett b Trump	46
M V Fleming run out	3
C L Hooper c Turner b Ecclestone	2
M J Walker b Ecclestone	8
G R Cowdrey b Caddick	24
N J Llong b Mallender	55
M A Ealham lbw b Hayhurst	9
S A Marsh lbw b Caddick	0
M J McCague b Mallender	7
M M Patel b Hayhurst	1
T N Wren not out	5
Extras (lb 7, w 5)	12
Total (39.2 overs)	172

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-23, 2-25, 3-49, 4-78, 5-92, 6-143, 7-144, 8-158, 9-159.

BOWLING: Mallender 7.2-0-38-2, Ecclestone 8-1-33-2; Trump 6-1-23-1; Caddick 8-2-17-2; Hallett 5-0-39-0; Hayhurst 5-0-15-2.

SOMERSET

M N Lathwell c Llong b Ealham	7
K A Parsons c Marsh b Fleming	18
R J Harden b Ealham	0
P C L Holloway c Marsh b McCague	15
*A N Hayhurst b McCague	11
S C Ecclestone b Hooper	7
†R J Turner c Marsh b McCague	5
N A Mallender not out	19
J C Hallett c and b Hooper	5
A R Caddick c Hooper b McCague	7
H R J Trump st Marsh b Patel	6
Extras (lb 3, w 3)	6
Total (10 wkts, 39.2 overs)	106

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-13, 2-14, 3-39, 4-52, 5-55, 6-63, 7-71, 8-82, 9-93.

BOWLING: Wren 8-1-20-0; Ealham 5-0-11-2; Fleming 7-0-28-1; McCague 8-0-25-4; Hooper 8-3-10-2; Patel 3.2-0-5-1.

Umpires: A A Jones and D J Constant.

Middlesex v Gloucs

LORD'S (Middlesex won toss): Gloucestershire (4pts) beat Middlesex by 53 runs

GLOUCESTERSHIRE

A J Wright b Fraser	1
M G N Windows b Weekes	69
T H C Hancock b Williams	7
M W Alleyne b Williams	2
R I Dawson c Tufnell b Johnson	45
†R C Russell run out	2
M C J Ball c Pooley b Fraser	24
R C Williams run out	9
*C A Walsh not out	2
Extras (b 4, lb 1, w 2, nb 8)	15
Total (7 wkts, 40 overs)	175

M Davies and A M Smith did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-22, 3-24, 4-114, 5-123, 6-145, 7-172.

BOWLING: Williams 8-1-17-2, Fraser 8-2-23-2; Johnson 8-0-50-1; Tufnell 8-0-35-0; Weekes 8-0-42-1.

MIDDLESEX

M A Roseberry b Walsh	13
J C Pooley c Alleyne b Williams	0
M R Ramprakash c Wright b Davies	39
J D Carr c Wright b Smith	18
P N Weekes c Alleyne b Williams	22
†K R Brown run out	8
*M W Gatting run out	1
R L Johnson c Hancock b Ball	0
N F Williams c Ball b Davies	0
A R C Fraser not out	11
P C R Tufnell b Ball	1
Extras (lb 2, w 5, nb 2)	9
Total (53.2 overs)	122

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-13, 2-25, 3-65, 4-75, 5-92, 6-99, 7-103, 8-105, 9-120.

BOWLING: Williams 8-1-35-2, Walsh 8-1-14-1; Smith 5-0-21-1, Davies 8-1-23-2, Ball 6.2-0-28-2.

Umpires: M J Kitchen and J W Holder.

Leicestershire v Hampshire

LEICESTER (Hampshire won toss): Leicestershire (4pts) beat Hampshire by eight runs

LEICESTERSHIRE

P V Simmons lbw b Connor	0
*N E Briers b Connor	4
G I MacMillan st Aymes b Connor	8
J J Whitaker c P R Whitaker b James	12
V J Wells c Smith b Thursfield	44
G F Smith c Aymes b James	11
D L Maddy c Smith b Thursfield	21
†P A Nixon st Aymes b Thursfield	22
J M Dakin c Aymes b Bovill	5
G J Parsons c Smith b Bovill	14
A R K Pierson not out	7
Extras (lb 2, w 4, nb 2)	8
Total (39.3 overs)	156

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-13, 3-16, 4-42, 5-58, 6-99, 7-118, 8-135, 9-135.

BOWLING: Connor 8-1-20-3; Bovill 7.3-2-25-2; Thursfield 8-0-31-3; James 8-0-27-2, Udal 8-0-51-0.

HAMPSHIRE

T C Middleton c Nixon b Parsons	41
P R Whitaker b Dakin	7
R A Smith c Nixon b Dakin	13
G W White b Wells	1
*M C J Nicholas c Maddy b Pierson	6
†A N Aymes b Pierson	7
K D James not out	39
S D Udal c and b Pierson	7
M J Thursfield lbw b Dakin	1
C A Connor c Pierson b Wells	2
J N B Bovill b Simmons	1
Extras (lb 11, w 10)	21
Total (39.4 overs)	148

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-11, 2-34, 3-44, 4-72, 5-89, 6-97, 7-114, 8-117, 9-128.

BOWLING: Parsons 8-2-20-1; Dakin 8-0-32-3, Wells 8-2-37-2; Simmons 7.4-1-27-1, Pierson 8-0-21-3

Umpires: J H Hampshire and R A White.

Durham v Lancashire

STOCKTON (Lancashire won toss): Lancashire (4pts) beat Durham by five wickets

DURHAM

J I Longley b Martin	53
W Larkins b Austin	26
S Hutton b Yates	22
J A Daley b Martin	6
J E Morris b Austin	2
*P Bainbridge c Hegg b Austin	11
A C Cummins c Martin b Austin	10
†C W Scott c Chapple b Martin	10
J Wood c Yates b Martin	3
A Walker b Martin	9
D A Graveney not out	1
Extras (b 4, lb 8, w 5)	17
Total (38 overs)	170

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-55, 2-103, 3-114, 4-115, 5-118, 6-143, 7-143, 8-151, 9-169.

BOWLING: Martin 8-0-31-5, Chapple 8-1-26-0, Austin 8-0-34-4; Yates 8-0-43-1, Shadford 6-0-23-0

LANCASHIRE

*M A Atherton c Scott b Cummins	35
N J Speak c Scott b Cummins	39
J P Crawley lbw b Wood	37
N H Fairbrother b Wood	25
G D Lloyd c and b Cummins	6
I D Austin not out	11
†W K Hegg not out	7
Extras (lb 1, lb 3, w 2, nb 6)	12
Total (5 wkts, 35.5 overs)	172

G Yates, D J Shadford, P J Martin and G Chapple did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-70, 2-81, 3-127, 4-146, 5-158.

BOWLING: Bainbridge 6-1-25-0; Wood 7.5-3-40-2; Cummins 8-1-32-3; Graveney 8-0-35-0; Walker 6-0-36-0.

Umpires: H D Bird and V A Holder.

Derbyshire v Essex

DERBY (Essex won toss): Essex (4pts) beat Derbyshire by two wickets

DERBYSHIRE

P D Bowler lbw b Such	17
D G Cork c Prichard b Ilott	11
C J Adams run out	27
*T J G O'Gorman c Prichard b Stephenson	7
†K J Barnett c Gooch b Cousins	34
P A J DeFreitas c Ilott b Cousins	10
C M Wells c Rollins b Cousins	0
I G S Steer run out	1
†K M Krikken run out	15
A E Warner not out	27
Extras (lb 11, w 10)	21
Total (8 wkts, 36 overs)	170

S J Base did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-24, 2-48, 3-67, 4-93, 5-117, 6-118, 7-125, 8-127, 9-170.

BOWLING: Kasprowicz 7-0-31-0; Stephenson 7-0-40-1; Ilott 7-1-32-1; Cousins 7-0-32-3; Such 8-0-24-1.

ESSEX

*G A Gooch c Krikken b Base	20
N V Knight c Krikken b Base	29
N Hussain c Krikken b Base	3
P J Prichard c Adams b Warner	35
R C Irani lbw b Cork	8
J P Stephenson not out	28
M S Kasprowicz b Wells	4
†R J Rollins lbw b Wells	1
M C Ilott c Krikken b Warner	24
P M Such not out	3
Extras (lb 1, w 15)	16
Total (8 wkts, 35.2 overs)	171

D M Cousins did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-37, 2-48, 3-63, 4-87, 5-114, 6-120, 7-123, 8-164

BOWLING: Wells 7-0-40-2, DeFreitas 8-1-26-0; Base 7-0-23-3; Cork 6.2-0-29-1, Warner 7-0-52-2.

Umpires: J H Hams and B Leadbeater.

Under-19 International

England v India

EDGBASTON (final day of four): England Under 19 drew with India Under 19

ENGLAND UNDER-19: First Innings 381 (M E Trescothick 206, S D Thomas 54, A C Morris 54)

Second Innings

*M P Vaughan c Mazumdar b Siddiqi	40
M E Trescothick run out	25
A McGrath lbw b Siddiqi	5
C Schofield not out	23
A C Cummins c Mazumdar b Siddiqi	5
A D Edwards not out	23
Extras (b 4, lb 3)	7
Total (4 wkts dec)	128

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-51, 2-62, 3-75, 4-85.

BOWLING: Siddiqi 13-2-46-3; Sarl 10-1-43-0; Sanghvi 5-0-15-0; Laxman 3-0-7-0; Sriram 3.2-4-0; Sharma 1-0-1-0; Mazumdar 1-0-2-0; Arun Kumar 1-0-3-0

INDIA UNDER 19: First Innings

J Singh run out	24
J Arun Kumar c Dawood b Edwards	14
A Mazumdar c Vaughan b Thomas	18
V V S Laxman c Trescothick b Morris	4
*A Sharma lbw b Morris	8
†P Dharmani c Schofield b Thomas	178
S Sriram c Dawood b Thomas	34
M Sarl c Trescothick b Betts	18
I Siddiqi c McGrath b Thomas	21
Balaji Rao st Dawood b Keedy	17
R Sanghvi not out	0
Extras (lb 11, lb 3, w 5, nb 38)	57
Total (152.5 overs)	393

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-44, 2-65, 3-78, 4-86, 5-89, 6-160, 7-266, 8-310, 9-369.

BOWLING: Betts 19-4-92-1; Thomas 38.5-7-81-4, Morris 26-9-56-2; Edwards 26-10-68-1; Keedy 22-6-65-1; Trescothick 4-2-5-0; Vaughan 7-0-22-0

Umpires: B Duddleston and K Palmer.

One-day international

Sri Lanka v Pakistan

COLOMBO (Sri Lanka won toss): Sri Lanka beat Pakistan by seven wickets

PAKISTAN

Saeed Anwar c Jayasuriya b Vaas	24
Aamer Sohail run out	32
Inzamam-ul-Haq run out	2
*Salim Malik c Tillakaratne b Kalpage	53
Basit Ali c Mahanama b Jayasuriya	39
Zahid Fazal run out	15
†Rashid Latif not out	26
Akram Raza not out	9
Extras (lb 2, nb 2, w 4)	8
Total (8 wkts, 36 overs)	210

Kabir Khan, Waqar Younis and Mushtaq Ahmed did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-28, 2-31, 3-82, 4-136, 5-169, 6-171.

BOWLING: Wickramasinghe 8-0-37-0; Vaas 8-0-38-1, A Ranatunga 8-0-29-0; Dharmasena 8-0-39-0; Jayasuriya 10-0-33-1; Kalpage 8-0-32-1

SRI LANKA

R Mahanama retired hurt	39
S Jayasuriya c Malik b Kabir	4
S Ranatunga c Inzamam b Reza	16
P A de Silva c and b Mushtaq	11
*A Ranatunga not out	82
H Tillekeratne not out	39
Extras (b 5, lb 10, nb 1, w 6)	22
Total (3 wkts, 47.2 overs)	213

R Kalpage, †P Dassanayake, K Dharmasena, C Vaas and P Wickremasinghe did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-9 2-44 3-65

BOWLING: Younis 9-1-42-0, Kabir 9.2-1-34-1, Reza 10-0-49-1, Sohail 8-0-28-0, Mushtaq 8-0-31-1, Malik 3-0-14-0

Man of the match: A Ranatunga.

☐ ARJUNA Ranatunga hit an unbeaten 82 to steer Sri Lanka to their second win in the four nations' tournament as they beat Pakistan by seven wickets with almost three overs to spare in Colombo yesterday. It put Sri Lanka on top of the qualifying round with a maximum four points from their two matches followed by India and Australia with two. Pakistan have lost both their matches.

Ranatunga hit seven fours in his 80-ball innings after Sri Lanka looked to be faltering in their chase to overtake Pakistan's 210 for six in their 50 overs. Sri Lanka were struggling on 65 for three in the 21st over when Ranatunga went to the crease. He was helped in the initial stages by the opener, Roshan Mahanama, who was forced to retire with cramps when on 39 but then Hashan Tillekeratne (39 not out) aided his captain in an unbroken 116-run partnership which sealed victory.



Fabre's clean sweep in key Arc trials

FROM RICHARD EVANS
RACING CORRESPONDENT
IN PARIS


ED BYRNE

Sierra Madre produces a powerful burst to deny the Roger Charlton-trained filly Yenda in the Prix Vermeille at Longchamp

ANDRÉ Fabre-trained horses took the first three places in the two key trials for the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe at Longchamp yesterday and helped to complete the most successful weekend in Shaikh Mohammed's career as the world's biggest racehorse owner.

The remarkable training performance, which evoked memories of Michael Dickinson's feat of sending out the first five horses home in the 1983 Cheltenham Gold Cup, came after Pennekamp beat the British-trained duo of Montjoy and Bin Nashwan in the Prix de la Salamandre, a group one race for juveniles.

Pennekamp, who earned a 14-1 quote for next year's 2,000 Guineas from Ladbrokes, is owned by Shaikh Mohammed and was one of seven group victories achieved by horses carrying his silks in England, Ireland and France over the past 48 hours.

While Fabre's monopoly of the two most significant Arc trials, the Prix Niel for three-year-old colts and fillies, and the Prix Foy, for older horses, persuaded Sporting Index to make the Chantilly-based handler 3-1 to win the Arc next month, none of his four expected runners heads the betting for Europe's middle-distance championship.

That position remains with White Muzzle, so impressive when taking the Grand Prix de Deauville a fortnight ago, who shortened to a best-priced 4-1, followed by Only Royale, the Yorkshire Oaks winner, who is available at 6-1.

Although the Arc trials have produced useful pointers towards the outcome of the real event, it is worth noting that during the past decade only the Fabre-trained Trempolino (1987) has won the Arc after being successful in one of these prep races. If anything, placed horses have tended to do better. Nevertheless, Fabre must have excellent prospects of achieving his third Arc triumph in three weeks' time.

The victory of the lightly-raced Carnegie in the Prix Niel was particularly striking and the son of Detroit, winner of the Arc in 1980, is overpriced at 14-1 with William Hill. In a race run at a sound pace, he produced a sustained run down the middle of the finishing straight and quickened away from his rivals inside the final furlong to win by a length and a half from Northern Spur, with Sunshack the same distance away in third and Celtic Arms, the French Derby winner, in fourth.

"The second horse is very nice so I think the form is solid. He is a progressive type and his mother came on at the end of the season, so I think he will improve a little bit," Fabre said.

Intrepidity, the 1993 Oaks winner, had been off the racecourse for 100 days recovering from a lung infection. She has always been the apple of Fabre's eye and ran a most encouraging race to finish only a neck behind Richard Of York in the Prix Foy, with Apple Tree, a Coronation Cup winner, a further three-quarters of a length away.

The disappointment of the race was Hernando, who beat only one of his four rivals. Although twice denied a clear run, Cash Asmussen was adamant it made little difference to the outcome. "There was enough room but when I didn't have the juice they pushed me back in. He needed it and blew up on me."

François Boutin, trainer of Hernando, is still seeking his first Arc victory and remarked: "We lost the battle but not the war."

Sierra Madre beat the Roger Charlton-trained Yenda in the Prix Vermeille with State Crystal, the Lancashire Oaks winner, third, but it is far from certain if any of the trio will reappear here next month.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: Champagne Grandy
(5.00 Bath)
Next best: Taqreem
(4.30 Bath)

Dress down to join ranks of sales regulars

Bids were flying like confetti at the Doncaster St Leger yearling sale last week. The venue, across the road from the racecourse, aroused the curiosity of several first-time visitors to a thoroughbred auction. However, their inexperience of such events was all too obvious to the regular, hard-bitten audience comprising the sales habitat.

Had you been among the newcomers, I am afraid you will have stood out like the proverbial sore thumb. Failure to observe etiquette will expose you as a hopeless novice; a mere passenger within the complicated workings of bloodstock insiders.

Get ahead, therefore, with this definitive guide for the beginner. By digesting it, you will blend into the surroundings and increase your enjoyment of this excellent theatre.

Dress up for the races but dress down for the sales: this is most important. Swap the jacket for a duffle coat, the trilby for a holed flat cap and pull it down tight. Only rich owners attend in suits, and they are constantly pestered to make expensive purchases. By dressing up, you have ten minutes to bid big-time before you are dismissed as a curious outsider. By dressing down, you accord yourself the anonymity you crave.

On taking your catalogue, immediately soil it by stamping forcefully on its cover and sides. This will give it a well-thumbed appearance. Do not walk around at a sedate pace and never stand still. Remember, you are there on imaginary business: there is much to see. Avoid loitering in corridors. And never, but never, sit for hours in the auction ring, noting the price of each lot in your catalogue. You are interested in a handful of horses, not the progress of the sale in general.

Furthermore, enter the auction ring selectively. A good clue here is in the bar attendance: it thins out in advance of a choice offering. Be aware. If the bar empties, you must make your excuses and move swiftly round to the ringside seats.

As the bidding proceeds, greet the announcement of a new bidder with great interest. Look around. Try to spot him/her, but never make eye contact with the auctioneer.

Congratulate yourself if you correctly identify a bidder. It is common practice for them to bid while chatting, laconically, with the person next to them. By and large, bidders signal bids with an imperceptible nod, a bat of the eye, a flick of the finger. This is why you must never solicit the auctioneer's eye. By fractionally raising your head, you might become an unsuspecting racehorse owner.

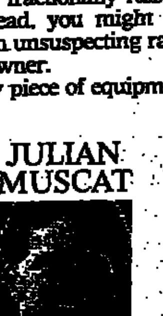
A key piece of equipment is the mobile phone, without which you cannot survive. Instruct friends to ring you every 30 minutes, creating the illusion of importance. Do not hesitate to nod your acquaintance to a famous trainer. This happens frequently to Henry Cecil: he usually responds by nodding back.

Finally, refrain from drinking alcohol at all times. To do so might entice you into the bidding process. Please try to be sensible. While the initial price may seem inexpensive, the horse's training fees will induce your triple coronary seizure.

Those yet to visit a thoroughbred sale should do so at the first opportunity. They are marvellous events, at which there is no admission fee.

The next auction is at Newmarket towards the end of the month, when the stars of tomorrow will be sold. But that is largely academic. It is more important to pass yourself off as a sales veteran as opposed to a raw novice. So act on this advice, sit back, and enjoy the sight of the hapless men in suits.

JULIAN MUSCAT



Racing commentary

Emotions run high for Hills after Moonax's win

BY JULIAN MUSCAT

THE form book's persuasions were rendered utterly meaningless in a thrilling climax to the St Leger at Doncaster on Saturday, when Moonax, a 40-1 shot, retrieved a substantial advantage assimilated by Broadway Flyer to upset calculations in the fifth and final British classic of the season.

However, behind the bare bones of the result rested a twist of fate so potent that Barry Hills, who trains Moonax, was totally incapable of savouring his first domestic classic since Tap On Wood landed the 2,000 Guineas in 1979, and his third in all.

Moonax's sterling effort meant that Hills had strangled the aspirations of his eldest son, John, the trainer of Broadway Flyer who looked an assured winner for much of the race. Hills's emotional turmoil was compounded by the presence of another son, Michael, on Broadway Flyer.

The bond uniting the Hills family is particularly strong. As much became clear on Derby day, when Barry appeared more upset with Broadway Flyer's disappointing effort than did John. Now, he was having great difficulty coping with the unfolding scenario as Pat Eddery drove Moonax hard for the winning post.

"This cannot go down as one of my most memorable moments," Hills said. "I had a gut feeling it was there for the taking but the last thing I wanted to do was to beat my son. To be totally honest, it has upset me more than given me pleasure."

Racing is cluttered with family ties. Eddery, who restrained Moonax before delivering his late *coup de grâce*, has gained some of his biggest victories at the direct expense of his own brother, Paul. But such blood-ties rarely surface in the aftermath of a championship race, as they did for the tearful father on Saturday.

John Hills will not be too despondent. He now knows that Broadway Flyer is a class act, and he will winter warmly on the dreams of a potentially lucrative campaign in 1995. The real heartache in this family affair belongs to Michael, whose riding has improved beyond all recognition in recent years. It has been a wretched season for him.

Suspension robbed him of a July Cup victory on Owington. He then had another big race taken from him when the York stewards demoted Blue Siren after her Nunthorpe Stakes victory.

This time, having laid one hand on the St Leger trophy, the prize was cruelly wrenched from his clutches by the late challenge of Moonax.

Red Route, Sacrament and Midnight Legend, the three market leaders, were all disappointing. Sacrament encountered traffic problems but would have struggled to improve on his fourth placing, immediately behind the promising Double Trigger.

A hard season and softened ground took its toll on Midnight Legend, who finished last, but Red Route's effort was so poor that he was routinely dope-tested. The result of that sample will almost certainly reveal that, in common with the three-year-old crop, he is not as good as he first appeared.

BIG-RACE DETAILS

3.40 TELECONNECTION ST LEGER STAKES (Group I: 3-Y-O: £153,346 1m 6f 132yd)
MOONAX ch c Caerleon - Moonsilk (Shaikh Mohammed) 9-0 Pat Eddery (40-1) 1.
Broadway Flyer b c Theatrical - Serena (Mrs S Bosher) 9-0 M Hills (6-1) 2.
Double Trigger ch c Ela-Mana-Mou - Solac (R Huggins) 9-0 J Weaver (9-1) 3.
ALSO RAN: 15-8 fav Red Route, 7-2 Sacrament (4th), 9-2 Midnight Legend, 8 Ionio (5th), 40 Party Season (6th). 8 ran. 1¼l, 3l, 4l, 3½l, 6l. B Hills at Lambourn. Tote: £20.90, £3.50, £1.90, £1.90. DF: £73.20. Trio: £178.30. CSF: £231.97

BATH

THUNDERER

2.00 Brave Tornado
2.30 Doodies Pool
3.00 Dimanche Gras
3.30 Brave Revival
4.00 In Waiting
4.30 **JACOB FAITHFUL** (nap)
5.00 Champagne Grandy

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.30 **BRAVE REVIVAL** (nap). 4.30 Hezilo.

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing. J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: GOOD DRAW: 5F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.00 KENNET MAIDEN HANDICAP (£3,136: 1m 5f 22yd) (15 runners)

101	(15)	2005	DERNIER CRI 19 (Mrs J Moore) P Harris 3-9-13	Pat Eddery	97
102	(7)	60-3000	REGAL PURSUIT 6 (Mrs B Summers) C Horgan 3-9-9	T Williams	95
103	(11)	00-06	BRAVE TORNADO 10 (Miss B Swire) J Balding 3-9-8	J Williams	93
104	(14)	303432	DAWN FLIGHT 21 (BF) [illegible] 3-9-5	L Dettori	96
105	(2)	000-0	LATHERON 157 [illegible] 4-9-6	A Clark	87
106	(4)	000-	SIMPLY A HERO 440 [illegible] 4-9-6	—	85
107	(10)	22534	SIGHTTU SOUND 31 [illegible] 3-9-5	R Cochrane	94
108	(6)	500034	MORSTOCK 9J [illegible] 4-9-5	S Drowne (5)	94
109	(5)	043003	NORTHERN HIGHLIGHT 14 [illegible] 3-9-4	G Carter	95
110	(1)	0005	KALA STAR 10 [illegible] 3-9-3	S Whitworth	93
111	(3)	00-3560	SCUD MISSILE 24 [illegible] 3-9-2	A Tucker	96
112	(12)	060-005	BITTER ALOE 21 (B) [illegible] 5-9-2	W Carson	94
113	(13)	005	NUVEEN 34 (B) [illegible]	W Woods	86
114	(9)	605	ROMAN RHYTHM 14 (B) [illegible] 3-8-12	S Dawson	88
115	(8)	600000	LA MENORQUINA 23 [illegible] 4-8-11	S Raymond	[illegible]

BETTING: 7-2 Dernier Cri, 5-1 Brave Tornado, 6-1 La Menorquina, 7-1 Dawn Flight, 8-1 Morstock, Scud Missile, [illegible] Regal Pursuit, Sightu Sound, 12-1 Northern Highlight, 14-1 others.

1993: HEAD TURNER 5-7-10 B Doyle (10-1) C Wildman 14 ran

FORM FOCUS

DERNIER CRI [illegible] BRAVE TORNADO [illegible] DAWN FLIGHT [illegible] BITTER ALOE [illegible] SIGHTTU SOUND [illegible] MORSTOCK 3¼l 4th of 19 to Red Dancer in maiden handicap at Folkestone (1m 4f, good) with BITTER ALOE (6lb better off) about 20l 11th. NORTHERN HIGHLIGHT 15½l 3rd of 5 to Strath in maiden handicap at Ripon (1m 4f 60yd, good to firm). SCUD MISSILE best effort 5¾l 5th to Minnesota Viking in handicap at Newmarket (1m 4f, good). Selection: DAWN FLIGHT

2.30 AUTUMN SELLING HANDICAP (£2,688: 1m 5yd) (18 runners)

201	(12)	335140	DOODIES POOL 11 (D,G) [illegible] G L Moore 4-10-0	A Procter (5)	96
202	(1)	2-00015	CRO'S STAR 19 (V,D,F) [illegible] 3-10-0	DOUBTFUL	—
203	(7)	042304	COLLIER ROW 7 (V) [illegible] 3-9-11	G Carter	95
204	(3)	0-47215	DOME PATROL 19 (G) [illegible] 3-9-10	Pat Eddery	93
205	(11)	6-00445	BLAZING HONDA 14 [illegible] 3-9-7	M Roberts	92
206	(18)	0450	ALLAHRAKHA 27 [illegible] 3-9-6	B Doyle	87
207	(10)	055100	KNIGHTRIDER 17 (B,D,F) [illegible] 3-9-4	S Whitworth	91
208	(6)	000-005	PHASE ONE 23 [illegible] 4-9-4	S Webster	89
209	(15)	00-6	PATRICE 24 [illegible] 3-9-3	S Drowne (5)	89
210	(2)	532025	PRISCILLA ROSE 6 [illegible] 3-9-3	E Guest	94
211	(9)	25-6500	MR JAZZ DANCER 156J (B) [illegible] 4-9-1	M Tebbutt	—
212	(8)	0060	FEELING HOPE 14 [illegible] 3-9-0	N Adams	80
213	(14)	4-40050	LITTLE EMMELINE 14 (C,F) [illegible] 3-9-0	N Carlisle	89
214	(4)	200005	RUB AL KHALI 7 [illegible] 3-9-0	A Clark	93
215	(5)	314003	CHARLIES DREAM 16 (B,D,G) [illegible] 7-8-13	J Tate (3)	92
216	(16)	660000	PORTE BELLOCH 9 (CD,G) [illegible] 3-8-13	R Perham	[illegible]
217	(17)	545350	MATT A MELLOR 17 [illegible] 3-8-11	W Woods	98
218	(13)	204005	THE ARDINGLY FAIR 17 [illegible] 3-8-9	T Williams	95

BETTING: 5-1 Doodies Pool, 7-1 Dome Patrol, 8-1 Collier Row, Blazing Honda, 10-1 Knightrider, 12-1 Patrice, [illegible] others.

1993: HOGWAI 4-10-0 S Whitworth (12-1) R Johnson Houghton 19 ran

FORM FOCUS

DOODIES POOL best effort beat Magication [illegible] in selling handicap at Yarmouth (7f, good). CRO'S STAR beat [illegible] in 10-runner claimer [illegible] (7f, good to firm) on penultimate start. COLLIER ROW [illegible] 4th of 14 to [illegible] DOME PATROL [illegible] BLAZING HONDA 2½l 4th of 15 to Coral Lake [illegible] at Pontefract (1m 2f, good to firm) on penultimate start. KNIGHTRIDER beat effort beat Bayman [illegible] in 20-runner selling handicap at Brighton (1m, good to firm). PRISCILLA ROSE [illegible] in handicap at [illegible] on penultimate start. Selection: DOODIES POOL

3.00 TATTERSALLS MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES
(2-Y-O fillies: £3,598: 5f 11yd) (12 runners)

301	(7)	24	DIMANCHE GRAS 10 (The Scarborough Syndicate) R Hannon 8-5	L Dettori	[illegible]
302	(8)		BERLIESE (Mrs D Barclay) I Balding 8-1	S O'Gorman	—
303	(12)	6223	BREAKFAST CREEK 19 (Mrs M J Dancy) J Berry 8-1	G Carter	95
304	(10)	364	GLENISTA 10 (Eddie Kavanagh) M Channon 8-1	M Roberts	91
305	(2)	40	GUARDED EXPRESSION 18 (BF) [illegible] M McCormack 8-1	C Rutter	91
306	(11)	5050	VENGAN 16 (Mrs C Sheppard) D Haydn Jones 8-0	A Mackay	64
307	(9)	000	BILLS PLOUGHGIRL 16 [illegible] 7-13	N Varley (5)	62
308	(4)	006	KENSINGTON FREIGHT 16 [illegible] 7-13	A Tucker	86
309	(5)	6	LITTLE HUGGER 13 [illegible] 7-13	T Williams	—
310	(6)	0	MUSICAL FANTASY 9 [illegible] 7-13	B Doyle	—
311	(3)	66	PENT-HOUSE BABY 49 [illegible] 7-13	W Carson	72
312	(1)		STAR INFORMATION [illegible] 7-13	N Adams	—

BETTING: 9-4 Dimanche Gras, 7-2 Breakfast Creek, 5-1 Berliese, 6-1 Glenista, 8-1 Pent-House Baby, 10-1 Guarded Expression, Little Hugger, 12-1 others.

1993: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

DIMANCHE GRAS 9¼l 4th of 5 to [illegible] in conditions race at Kempton (7f, good). BERLIESE (floated Mar 25, cost 5,500gns) [illegible] sister to 1m 2f winner Dancing Heights. Dam unraced. BREAKFAST CREEK 3l 3rd of 10 to French Gift in maiden auction at Redcar (5f, good to firm). GLENISTA 5¾l 4th of 9 to Warning Order in maiden auction at Haydock (1m, good). GUARDED EXPRESSION about 5l 4th of 23 to Dwina Mia in maiden auction at Kempton (6f, good to firm) on penultimate start. KENSINGTON FREIGHT about [illegible] in maiden auction at [illegible], with GUARDED EXPRESSION [illegible]. LITTLE HUGGER about [illegible] to Total Stranger in maiden auction at [illegible]. Selection: DIMANCHE GRAS

3.30 SHERSTON CONDITIONS STAKES
(2-Y-O fillies: £4,304: 1m 5yd) (5 runners)

401	(1)	11	KARKAIENNE 92 (G,S) [illegible] 9-4	W Carson	—
402	(3)	55	ARCTIC POPPY 16 [illegible] 8-8	R Cochrane	83
403	(2)	42	BRAVE REVIVAL 16 [illegible] 8-8	Pat Eddery	[illegible]
404	(4)		LAST SPIN (J Lord) J Dunlop 8-8	L Dettori	—
405	(5)	0	TOY PRINCESS 17 [illegible] 8-8	M Roberts	—

BETTING: 11-8 Brave Revival, 5-2 Karkaienne, 7-2 Arctic Poppy, 5-1 Toy Princess, 12-1 Last Spin.

1993: HIGHLAND LEGEND [illegible] 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

KARKAIENNE beat Double Voile [illegible] in 6-runner conditions race at San Siro, Milan (7f, heavy). Previously beat Tolosa [illegible] in 8-runner maiden at the same venue (7f, good). ARCTIC POPPY [illegible] 5th of 8 to [illegible] in maiden at Goodwood (7f, good). BRAVE REVIVAL 4l 2nd of 9 [illegible] in maiden at Newcastle (7f, good to firm). LAST SPIN (foaled Mar 13, cost 25,000gns) By [illegible]. TOY PRINCESS 15l 15th [illegible] in maiden at Newmarket (7f, good). Selection: KARKAIENNE

4.00 BATHFORD NURSERY HANDICAP
(2-Y-O: £5,410: 1m 5yd) (16 runners)

501	(15)	4220	BEAUFORT SEA 20 (BF) [illegible] 9-7	Pat Eddery	93
502	(6)	405	IN WAITING 14 [illegible] 9-7	L Dettori	89
503	(12)	540	WIZARD 14 [illegible] 9-4	W Woods	92
504	(2)	646	NO PATTERN 13 [illegible] 9-3	B Rouse	90
505	(5)	0153	SULE MOR 14 [illegible] 9-1	A Whelan (7)	92
506	(1)	521600	JOBBERS FIDDLE 16 [illegible] 9-0	N Adams	94
507	(8)	321356	AL CORNICHE 14 [illegible] 8-12	M Tebbutt	96
508	(14)	5500	SWIFT CERT 10 [illegible]	R Cochrane	95
509	(7)	000	EURO FORUM 13 [illegible] 8-6	R Perham	89
510	(3)	04412	LEES PLEASE 33 (BF) [illegible] 8-6	G Carter	95
511	(13)	003	BLAZE OF SONG 15 [illegible]	M Roberts	90
512	(11)	000	ROSEVEAR 11 [illegible] 8-2	T Sprake	89
513	(10)	000	DARREN THE BOLD 58 [illegible] 8-2	M Fenton (3)	85
514	(16)	040	SPANISH WELCOME 75 [illegible]	S Dawson	82
515	(4)	0004	EMBEZZLER 7 [illegible] 8-1	G Rutter	95
516	(9)	56050	TOMMYKNOCKER 28 [illegible]	M Baird (7)	[illegible]

Long handicap: Tommyknocker 5-11

BETTING: 6-1 Beaufort Sea, 7-1 Blaze Of Song, 8-1 In Waiting, No Pattern, Sule Mor, Lees Please, 10-1 Al Corniche, 12-1 others.

1993: CAPTAIN SCARLET 9-7 B Doyle (15-1) [illegible] 14 ran

FORM FOCUS

BEAUFORT SEA best effort [illegible] 2nd of [illegible] in maiden at Sandown (7f, good). IN WAITING [illegible] 5th of 10 to Opera Lover in maiden at Chepstow (1m, good). NO PATTERN [illegible] Feeling in maiden at Epsom (1m 114yd). SULE MOR shortheaded and 4l 3rd of 9 to [illegible] in nursery at Epsom (7f, good to firm) with AL CORNICHE (4lb better off) 5¾l 6th. JOBBERS FIDDLE best effort beat BEAUFORT SEA [illegible] in 12-runner maiden auction at [illegible] (7f, firm). LEES PLEASE 2¼l 2nd of 12 to [illegible] in claimer at Salisbury (7f, good to firm). BLAZE OF SONG [illegible] 3rd of 17 to Almuhi in maiden auction at Windsor (6f, good). EMBEZZLER [illegible] 4th of 15 to Pleasure Beach in maiden at [illegible]. Selection: BLAZE OF SONG

4.30 BRISTOL ROVERS MAIDEN STAKES
(£3,692: 1m 3f 144yd) (15 runners)

601	(3)	224	BALASARA 13 (BF) (Whitcombe Manor Racing) D Elsworth 4-9-7	M Roberts	94
602	(7)	20	MENDIP SON 13 (Mrs B Davis) R Simpson 4-9-7	S Whitworth	80
603	(10)	5/22200-	YAHMI 416 (W Starr) J Old 4-9-7	J Williams	84
604	(1)	0/	AMYS DELIGHT 172J (Mrs A Lodge) A Chamberlain 6-9-2	J D Smith (5)	—
605	(14)	0	ENVIRONMENT FOCUS 16 (W Gredley) G Rimmer 3-8-12	R Price	—
606	(13)		ERETAN (D Wilson) T Thomson Jones 3-8-12	G Carter	—
607	(9)	0000-05	GRANBY BELL 16 (L Wadge) P Hayward 3-8-12	T Sprake	—
608	(2)	024	HEZILO 17 (Shaikh Mohammed) J Gosden 3-8-12	L Dettori	91
609	(12)	53	JACOB FAITHFUL 17 (BF) (Lady Rothschild) R Charlton 3-8-12	Pat Eddery	92
610	(11)	0	MORGANS SPIRIT 67 (Mrs S Cann) S Knight 3-8-12	V Slattery	—
611	(4)	0	SYMBOL OF SUCCESS 16 (D Williams) D Williams 3-8-12	N Adams	—
612	(6)	604300	TUKANO 31 (B Nielsen) R Hannon 3-8-12	B Thomson	95
613	(5)	00	HERTFORD CASTLE 17 (P Mellon) I Balding 3-8-7	R Cochrane	—
614	(8)	0	PERSIAN SMOKE 25 (Mrs A Rozzand) A Hide 3-8-7	M Tebbutt	—
615	(15)	2222	TAQREEM 12 (BF) (H Al Maktoum) W Hern 3-8-7	W Carson	[illegible]

BETTING: 5-2 Jacob Faithful, 3-1 Taqreem, 5-1 Hezilo, 12-1 Hertford Castle, Environment Focus, Balasara, 14-1 Eretan, 16-1 others

1993: BALLET PRINCE 3-9-0 L Dettori (5-1) M Stoute 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

BALASARA short-head and 4½l 4th of 8 to Microlite in maiden at Epsom (1m 4f, good to firm), with MENDIP SON tailed off last. Previously 1l 2nd of 20 to Mardment in maiden at Sandown (1m 2f, good), with JACOB FAITHFUL 4¾l 5th. MENDIP SON 9l 2nd of 7 to Blue Lion in amateurs' conditions race at Sandown (1m 2f, good) on penultimate start. YAHMI best effort 3½l 2nd of 7 to Spring To Action in maiden at Newmarket (1m 6f, good) last year. HEZILO 4l 2nd of 7 to Rums in conditions race at Yarmouth (1m 2f, good) on penultimate start. JACOB FAITHFUL 8½l 3rd of 17 to Treaty Of Peace in maiden at Goodwood (1m 2f, good), with HEZILO head 4th and HERTFORD CASTLE tailed off 12th. TAQREEM 2½l 2nd of 9 to Karoo Lark in maiden at York (1m 2f 85yd, good to firm). Selection: TAQREEM

5.00 SEPTEMBER HANDICAP (£4,080: 5f 161yd) (19 runners)

1	(3)	500036	CHAMPAGNE GRANDY 2 (CD,G,S) (Grandy Girls) M Channon 4-10-0	R Painter (5)	94
2	(14)	036000	VILLAGE GREEN 44 (B,S) (A Richards) K Cunningham-Brown 4-9-11	Pat Eddery	94
3	(9)	0-40555	CALL TO THE BAR 51 (C,F,G) (Trow Lane Farm) M McCormack 5-9-10	G Carter	94
4	(13)	504066	PRIMA SILK 10 (CD,F) (Three Fly Racing) M Ryan 3-9-10	A Clark	97
5	(8)	114460	NAPOLEON STAR 11 (C,D,F) (A Whitehead) M Saunders 3-9-8	N Adams	93
6	(16)	3-00003	ROBELLION 60 (C,F) (G Thompson) D Arbuthnot 3-9-5	L Dettori	93
7	(2)	022604	KILDEE LAD 11 (CD,G) (J O'Donovan) A Jones 4-9-2	J Williams	95
8	(5)	040045	BELLS OF LONGWICK 11 (C,F,G,S) (Mrs M Wickham) D Laing 5-9-2	T Williams	95
9	(4)	502012	FAY'S SONG 25 (D,F,G) (S Harper) R Akehurst 6-8-12	S Sanders (5)	94
10	(12)	56-5635	ANOTHERONE TO NOTE 40 (Mrs J Massie) M Heaton-Ellis 3-8-11	M Roberts	88
11	(1)	5/06-010	WINDRUSH BOY 16 (F) (J Westley) J Bosley 4-8-11	Aimee Cook (7)	91
12	(5)	056005	ANOTHER JADE 18 (B,D,G,S) (L Fust) A Jarvis 4-8-10	N Varley (5)	98
13	(13)	0-00046	FEATHER FACE 11 (B,G) (J Mountain) C James 4-8-7	S Whitworth	86
14	(7)	103530	JOHN O'DREAMS 30 (CD,F,G,S) (P Bazzer) Mrs A Knig 9-8-7	W Carson	95
15	(11)	550008	WINSOME WOOSTER 11 (S) (Mrs A Rowling) P Murphy 3-8-7	S Drowne (5)	[illegible]
16	(18)	101160	SEASIDE MINSTREL 2 (C,F,G,S) (W Clifford) D Williams 6-8-6	B Thomson	95
17	(10)	430350	PALACEGATE GOLD 13 (D,F,G,S) (R Hodges) R Hodges 5-8-0	B Doyle	98
18	(17)	134000	GRAND TIME 31 (B,F,G,S) (C Hill) C Hill 5-7-7	M Baird (7)	85
19	(15)	00400/	ABSCURE 1075 (Mrs S Joel) B Millman 5-7-7	N Carlisle	—

Long handicap: Grand Time 6-13, Abscure 6-8

BETTING: 5-1 Robellion, 6-1 Bells Of Longwick, 7-1 Champagne Grandy, 8-1 Seaside Minstrel, Fay's Song, 10-1 Call To The Bar, Kildee Lad, 12-1 others

1993: KILDEE LAD 3-8-1 Dale Gibson (14-1) A Jones 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

CHAMPAGNE GRANDY about 2l 6th of 25 to Ishtiyak in handicap at Goodwood (6f, good to soft). ROBELLION short-head and 3l 3rd of 9 to Sweet Magic in handicap at Sandown (5f, good). KILDEE LAD two heads and 1¾l 4th of 17 to Patsy Grimes in handicap at Salisbury (5f, good), with BELLS OF LONGWICK (1lb better off) 1¼l 5th. FEATHER FACE (2lb better off) ¾l 6th, WINSOME WOOSTER (3lb better off) 1l 9th and NAPOLEON STAR (1lb better off) 3½l 12th. FAY'S SONG 2l 2nd of 14 to Courting Newmarket in handicap at Salisbury (6f, firm), with KILDEE LAD about 4½l 6th. ANOTHERONE TO NOTE 3½l 3rd of 19 to Towering Talent in maiden at Salisbury (6f, firm) on penultimate start. ANOTHER JADE about 3½l 5th of 14 to Helios in handicap at Lingfield (7f, good to soft). JOHN O'DREAMS 3½l 3rd of 7 to Prince Azzam in handicap at Sandown (5f, good to firm) on penultimate start, with ANOTHERONE TO NOTE (6lb worse off) neck and 2½l 5th and WINSOME WOOSTER unseated rider. Selection: KILDEE LAD (nap)

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Bath: 2.00 Nuveen, Roman Rhythm. 2.30 Knightrider. 4.00 Darren The Bold. 5.00 Another Jade. Leicester: 2.20 Domino Queen, Green's Bid. 2.50 Princerullah, Real Madrid. 3.50 Forgotten Dancer, Healthy Risk, Seven Up Cyd, Vet More Roses. Plumpton: 2.40 April's Baby. 4.40 Do Bo Ware, Millmount.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wnrs	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
R Charlton	11	[illegible]	[illegible]	Pat Eddery	28	99	28.3
M Ryan	4	[illegible]	[illegible]	B Doyle	6	25	24.0
M Stoute	6	[illegible]	[illegible]	W Carson	[illegible]	[illegible]	16.1
J Berry	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	12	78	15.4
G Harwood	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	7	55	[illegible]
R Hannon	[illegible]	45	[illegible]	[illegible]	7	59	11.9

RESULTS

Doncaster
Going: good
2.00 (6f) 1, Nuriva (W R Swinburn, 3-1); 2, Jiberian (13-2); 3, Lennox Lewis (11-1). El Supremo 11-4 fav. 9 ran. 7l, hd. M Stoute. Tote: £3.90; £1.40, £1.90, £2.30. DF: £15.80. CSF: £22.37.
2.30 (1m) 1, Celestial Choir (J Fortune, 11-1); 2, Superoo (16-1); 3, Kummel King (20-1); 4, Pride Of Pendle (11-1). Hunters Of Brora 9-2 fav. 19 ran. NR: Master Beveled. 1¼l, 1¼l. J Eyre. Tote: £17.00; £3.10, £4.50, £8.20, £2.40. DF: £231.80. Trio: £1,186.00. CSF: £184.41. Tricast: £3,157.30.
3.05 (1m) 1, Lap Of Luxury (B Thomson, 12-1); 2, Dahyah (7-2 fav); 3, Philidor (12-1). 14 ran. 2½l, 2½l. W Jarvis. Tote: £15.40; £3.70, £1.90, £5.70. DF: £27.60. Trio: £349.20. CSF: £51.81. Tricast: £487.88.
3.40 see above
4.15 (5f) 1, Raah Algharb (W R Swinburn, 7-1); 2, Mind Games (13-2); 3, Millstream (12-1). Easy Option 10-11 fav. 8 ran. Sh hd, ¾l. M Stoute. Tote: £8.20; £2.10, £1.90, £2.30. DF: £21.70. CSF: £49.62.
4.45 (1m 2f 60yd) 1, Halling (B Thomson, 6-1); 2, Green Crusader (7-1); 3, Lettam (20-1). Kettlestone 5-2 fav. 15 ran. Hd, 4l. J Gosden. Tote: £8.70; £3.50, £2.60, £5.80. DF: £41.80. Trio: £250.30. CSF: £51.93. Tricast: £770.97.
5.15 (6f) 1, Sue's Return (B Thomson, 10-1); 2, Midwich Cuckoo (13-2); 3, Try To Please (16-1); 4, Jungle Patrol (10-1). Flight Soundly 5-1 fav. 21 ran. 3l, sh hd. A Jarvis. Tote: £13.90; £2.90, £1.90, £4.70, £3.00. DF: £49.40. Trio: £774.80. CSF: £77.71. Tricast: £998.01.
Jackpot: not won (pool of £24,231.02 carried forward to Bath today).
Placepot: £3,672.00. Quadpot: £246.00.

Goodwood
2.15 1, Coursur (14-1); 2, Sea Baron (14-1); 3, Second Chance (14-1); 4, Misty Silks (5-1 fav). 16 ran. NR: Rival Bid, Robsera.
2.45 1, Lab Test (4-1 fav); 2, Poignard (8-1); 3, Ma Petite Anglaise (8-1). 13 ran.
3.20 1, Ishtiyak (14-1); 2, Craigie Boy (8-1 jt-fav); 3, Be Warned (8-1 jt-fav); 4, Oare Sparrow (12-1). 25 ran.
3.55 1, Brandon Prince (10-1); 2, Pride Of Britain (14-1); 3, Bee Beat (12-1). Keen Vision 7-2 fav. 12 ran.
4.30 1, Posidonas (10-11 fav); 2, Blue Harlequin (11-2); 3, Game Ploy (33-1). 7 ran.
5.00 1, Ketabi (7-2 jt-fav); 2, Quest Again (14-1); 3, Kiss Kincsem (33-1). Ziggy's Dancer 7-2 jt-fav. 11 ran.
5.30 1, Don Pepe (9-4 fav); 2, Pusey Street Boy (8-1); 3, Dame Lorraine (50-1). 18 ran. NR: Bold Habit, Mount Leinster.

Bangor
2.10 1, Abalene (2-1 jt-fav); 2, Chateau Roux (2-1 jt-fav); 3, Charlafrivola (12-1). 8 ran. NR: Tigersong.
2.40 1, Irish Flasher (9-4 fav); 2, Alicante (20-1); 3, Najeb (6-1). 9 ran.
3.10 1, Whatagale (15-8 fav); 2, Charming Gale (9-1); 3, The Lighter Side (33-1). 8 ran.
3.40 1, Romancer (13-2); 2, Bang In Trouble (8-1); 3, Glenuge (9-1). Mydon's Choice 2-1 fav. 12 ran.
4.10 1, Cosmic Force (9-2); 2, Kinlogh Gale (9-2); 3, Man Of The Grange (4-1). Land Of The Free 3-1 jt-fav. 8 ran.
4.40 1, Royal Circus (11-2); 2, Cromarty (9-2); 3, Atherton Green (7-2 fav). 9 ran.

Chepstow
1.50 1, World Express (6-1); 2, Kissair (10-1); 3, Shamar (12-1); 4, Lord Claude (25-1). Telopea 7-2 fav. 16 ran.
2.20 1, Close Conflict (15-2); 2, Blue Lion (5-1); 3, Persian Brave (9-2). Cotter Chief 11-8 fav. 7 ran. NR: Sabayik.
2.50 1, Lago Di Varano (9-2); 2, Spectator (5-2 fav); 3, Kelly's Gold (11-4). 6 ran.
3.25 1, Western General (9-4); 2, I Recall (33-1); 3, King Of Show (8-4 fav). 9 ran.
4.05 1, Chattel (9-2); 2, Medieval Miss (4-6 fav); 3, Maybe Today (40-1). 11 ran. NR: Anda's Compass, Merely A Madam.
4.35 1, Mister Bloy (11-1); 2, My Ruby Ring (7-1); 3, Abegails Boy (13-2 jt-fav); 4, Taffeta Silk (7-1). Hawaiian Dream 13-2 jt-fav. 19 ran. NR: Iradeh.

Worcester
2.25 1, Shalayif (16-1); 2, Cyril Henry (6-1); 3, Master Glen (11-1). Va Utu 5-2 fav. 11 ran. NR: Bowland Girl.
2.55 1, Captain Khedive (4-5 fav); 2, Sirallmar (7-1); 3, Bollington (50-1). 20 ran.
3.30 1, Touch Of Winter (10-1); 2, Pickletstone (20-1); 3, Makaherp (9-1). Bankroll 4-5 fav. 9 ran.
4.00 1, Oh So Bold (9-1); 2, Steeple Jack (6-1); 3, Mirage Dancer (16-1). Barracilla 100-30 fav. 8 ran. NR: Gratuity.
4.35 1, Lusty Light (6-1); 2, Always Remember (7-4 fav); 3, Lady Blakeney (7-1). 11 ran. NR: Needs Must.
5.05 1, Cody Special (10-1); 2, Mull House (6-5 fav); 3, Anna Valley (7-2). 8 ran.

TRAINERS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Days since win	Level stakes
J Berry	113	103	94	1	-192.03
M Johnston	87	77	73	12	-10.18
R Hannon	93	104	105	3	-343.01
M Stoute	84	57	59	1	-5.96
J Gosden	78	75	60	1	-38.11
Mrs M Reveley	68	68	53	6	-69.55
M Channon	65	49	39	3	-113.28
J Dunlop	59	54	43	2	-80.35
P Cole	60	64	55	1	-73.39
H Cecil	55	41	22	4	-39.81
M Bell	48	27	35	6	-76.02

JOCKEYS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Losing sequence	Level stakes
L Dettori	210	205	139	10	-65.57
J Weaver	161	126	115	18	+169.74
K Darley	121	104	94	15	-131.73
Pat Eddery	114	88	63	3	-46.86
T Quinn	101	98	85	21	-82.77
J Reid	85	73	65	22	-39.54
M Hills	78	64	47	19	-39.55
Paul Eddery	75	55	63	6	-195.48
W Carson	72	61	68	3	-178.97
J Carroll	72	42	61	5	-166.87
W R Swinburn	65	57	57	2	-12.79

Quick Ransom heads for Melbourne Cup

QUICK Ransom is almost certain to tackle the Melbourne Cup on November 1. The Mark Johnston-trained gelding looks leniently handicapped for the £650,000 race with 8st 5lb after his creditable second to Arcadian Heights in the Doncaster Cup last week.

"We are now 90 per cent certain to take him there — there's no doubt he is well weighted for the race," Johnston said.

The Australian trip may force the trainer to abandon plans to run Quick Ransom in the Ascot Handicap on September 23. "It depends on available flights to Australia and it might be that he will have to go out before the Ascot race," the Middleham trainer said.

Quick Ransom is quoted at 25-1 by Coral to become only the second horse from the northern hemisphere to win the Melbourne Cup following Vintage Crop's success 12 months ago.

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Britain lauded for making a world of difference

David Miller finds the athletics community united in praise of high standards at Crystal Palace

The British Athletic Federation (BAF) was the toast of the sport yesterday for rescuing the World Cup. The BAF's efforts were welcomed by Primo Nebiolo, the president of the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF), and by every national federation, including that of South Africa, the next hosts in 1998. Despite the late stage of the season, the three days were a measurable success: in performances, in attendance, in commercial support and television screening to 172 countries.

At a reception given yesterday by Athletics South Africa, Nebiolo said: "We had doubts about the competition after the last World Cup in Havana two years ago, but we are now delighted and grateful to the British federation for what they have achieved." It was a pleasant change to hear international acclaim for British administration, efficiency and enthusiasm.

The second and third days of the World Cup brought near full houses, approaching 24,000, thanks in part to the expectation of success by the British teams, including, perversely, the theoretically ineligible British women. World-class performances by John Regis and Steve Backley, and another peak performance in the men's four-lap relay to conclude the day, maintained the impetus of home interest and achievement.

The renovation of the competition was welcomed by Judge Deon van Zyl and Danie Malan, from Johannesburg, who launch the sport nationally into a new era with the opening next September of a new stadium alongside the Ellis Park rugby ground, prior to hosting the World Cup in 1998.

It was revealed by Nebiolo yesterday, coincidently, that to broaden the grand prix — confined hitherto to Europe and one or two meetings in the United States — it will, in future, include early-season meetings in Tokyo, New Delhi, Sydney and Johannesburg, with the grand prix final to be staged in 1999 as a curtain-raiser for the Sydney Olympics.

This weekend it gave welcome credentials to South African athletics with the victories of the pole vaulter, Brits, and Meyer in the women's 10,000 metres. "We are proud," Malan said, "to see South Africa representing Africa." The IAAF has plans for prize-money incentives in Johannesburg to discourage absenteeism, a relevant though not too substantial element this weekend, other than in the United States teams — further evidence of the disorganisation in the sport in America.

The disappointment for the BAF was the reluctant withdrawal, only ten days ago, of the Prime Minister as chief guest, on account of the Irish negotiations. Given the rivalry for hosting international events, the presence of eminent persons is almost mandatory window dressing. John Major might even have enjoyed the occasion, with the men finishing second, while the women slipped from third to fifth on a poor final relay.

Professor Peter Radford, the executive chairman of the BAF, was insistent yesterday, together with Nebiolo, that relations with the IAAF are anything but cool on account of the Diane Modahl affair. Modahl's solicitors have this weekend complained about further delays in provision of details from the IAAF regarding "chain of custody" of Modahl's B sample.

Radford says that the controversy, far from damaging relations, has done the reverse; that the BAF's measured procedure has followed IAAF regulations and served to remind the IAAF of how such controversies must be formally conducted, for its own protection. Nebiolo agreed that Britain had behaved "in a professional, correct manner".

Mighty achievement speaks wonders for modest Gilford

By Mel Webb

WHEN David Gilford led at the halfway point in the European Open on Friday he said that a victory in the tournament would mean more to him than a place in next year's Ryder Cup team. By achieving the first at East Sussex National yesterday he could not help but take a huge step in the direction of the latter.

The manner of his victory made him worth every penny of his £100,000 prize in this, the second tournament to count for Cup selection. In weather conditions that at times verged on the impossible he put together 72 holes of controlled, supremely accurate golf, and his closing 67 for a total of 275, 13 under par, left him five shots in front of Costantino Rocca and José Maria Olazábal, his nearest rivals. It was, by any standards, a mighty performance and his score did not flatter him a jot.

As might be expected of one so relentlessly unassuming, he was not prepared to indulge himself in paeans of self-praise beyond admitting it was the best win of his career. It mattered little — there were plenty of others who were more than willing to step forward and do that for him.

The testimonials were led by Olazábal on a day that was calmer than what had preceded it only by comparison. "To do what he has done in conditions like we've had in the last four days makes it one of the very best performances of the season," he said. "We knew he was not likely to crack, and we knew that we had to be scoring 63 or 64 to stand any chance. That was impossible today."

Olazábal was in a better position than most to gauge the quality of Gilford's golf. He played beautifully himself, and on another day his 69 might have been a tournament-winning performance.

The Spaniard even moved into the lead when he sank a four-foot putt for his fourth birdie of day on the 6th to go to nine under par. He was not to stay there long. Gilford, who had parred the first five, was immediately behind him on the 336-yard hole, and he picked up a shot after hitting a sand-iron to a mere 18 inches. He was never again headed.

A 12-foot putt gave Gilford another birdie on the short 8th, and he went through the turn in 34, two shots clear of the field. He had not thus far looked in the slightest danger of dropping a shot. His next nine holes were not to give his pursuers a single crumb of comfort, either.

He birdied the 12th from ten feet, and putts from eight and ten feet saved him further shots on the 15th and 16th to put him on 13 under. He had been cantering away from the field at the turn. By now it had turned into a headlong gallop.

Olazábal, meanwhile, had a birdie chance on the 14th, but missed from less than five feet, and allowed another chance to slip away when he missed from six feet on the next. "I suppose I might have put a bit of pressure on David if I'd made them, but I think he was playing too well, anyway," he said. Indeed he was. Whoever said that nice guys don't win?

(GB and Ire unless stated): 275: D Gilford 70, 68, 70, 67. 280: J M Olazábal (Sp) 68, 74, 69, 69; C Rocca (It) 68, 72, 70, 70. 282: C Montgomerie 66, 73, 73, 70. 284: D Clarke 71, 74, 71, 68; C Cassells 72, 73, 69, 70; H Clark 71, 68, 74, 71. 286: S Ballesteros (Sp) 68, 75, 72, 70. 287: B Lane 70, 74, 75, 68; P Linhart (Sp) 71, 74, 73, 69; D J Russell 74, 74, 70, 69. 288: A Forsbrand (Swe) 71, 72, 75, 70; F Nobilo (NZ) 68, 74, 71, 75. 289: C O'Connor Jr 73, 71, 78, 67; M Clayton (Aus) 74, 74, 73, 69; A Lyle 70, 75, 74, 70; E Els (SA) 72, 74, 73, 70; S Torrance 75, 73, 71, 70; M Roe 74, 70, 74, 71; R Claydon 67, 77, 74, 71. 290: I Woosnam 75, 70, 76, 69; S Luna (Sp) 71, 73, 76, 70; G Turner (NZ) 76, 70, 74, 70; D Cooper 71, 72, 75, 72; D A Russell 74, 72, 72, 72; N Fasth (Swe) 75, 72, 71, 72; M Davis 76, 67, 73, 74. 291: P McGinley 71, 76, 74, 70; P Mayo 73, 74, 71, 73; A Murray 69, 73, 72, 76. 292: J M Canizares (Sp) 71, 75, 74, 72; M Lanner (Swe) 69, 76, 74, 73; V Singh (Fiji) 72, 75, 72, 73; M McLean 76, 70, 72, 74. 293: K Eriksson (Swe) 71, 75, 75, 72; R Rafferty 73, 75, 71, 74. 294: T Johnstone (Zim) 73, 70, 80, 71; V Fernández (Arg) 73, 75, 75, 71; M Harwood (Aus) 72, 74, 76, 72; J Rystrom (Swe) 73, 72, 75, 74; R Goosen (SA) 70, 75, 73, 76.

IAN STEWART



Gilford lines up another putt for birdie yesterday

Harradine responds to Avery's opener

By Sydney Friskin

A GOAL from Harradine after 29 minutes cancelled out an earlier strike from Avery to enable Stourport to draw 1-1 with Havant on the opening day of the National Hockey League season.

Havant had several chances to win in the second half of a game that resolved itself into a contest largely between Taylor, the Stourport goalkeeper, and Giles, Havant's most industrious forward. Stourport, though less adventurous, were always dangerous on the counter-attack.

Two late goals by Hacker for Canterbury forced a 4-4 draw with Old Loughtonians, who were leading 4-2 with nine minutes to go. Mark Smith and Bloxham had put Canterbury into a 2-0 lead, which was cancelled out by Barker and Krishman. Nick Thompson and Krishman then put Old Loughtonians ahead before Hacker saved the day for Canterbury.

Robert Thompson scored twice for Hounslow in a 3-0 victory over Slough, with Crutchley adding the third. McGuire hit two goals for Teddington in a 5-2 win over Trojans. Firebrands were overrun by Southgate, who won 4-1 with goals by Welch, Simons, Warr and Daniel Kerry. Jason Lee scored three goals in East Grinstead's 4-1 victory over Hull, while Molloy, Notton and Tinkler scored for Surbiton in their 3-0 defeat of Guildford.

Belle Genius springs surprise

From Our Irish Racing Correspondent in Dublin

BELLE Genius, from the 12-strong Newmarket yard of Paul Kelleway, sprang a 20-1 surprise in yesterday's Moyglare Stud Stakes at the Curragh, leaving the French-trained Tereshkova and the previously unbeaten favourite, Eva Luna, trailing.

Belle Genius, who cost $8,500 as a yearling, had gained her only previous success in a maiden race at Thirsk, but she showed no inferiority complex yesterday as Jason Weaver pushed her clear a furlong and a half out to hold off Tereshkova by a length and a half, with Eva Luna a further length behind.

"The soft ground, totally the soft ground," was jockey Kevin Manning's excuse for Eva Luna, but Kelleway was exultant. "I've no horses and no orders but that is my sixth group one winner," said Kelleway, who at the height of his training career had 50 horses in his yard.

Weaver was having only his second ride for Kelleway after her original jockey, Paul Eddery, was required to ride in Germany. The Prix Marcel Boussac on Arc day is a possible target for Belle Genius.

The other group race saw the French-trained Eternal Reve win readily by a length, beating the British-trained pair of Andromaque and Girl From Ipanema.

Shaikh Mohammed's £18,500 supplementary gamble paid off on Saturday when Cezanne won the Guinness Champion Stakes at Leopardstown in a close finish with Del Deya, Muhtarram and Grand Lodge.

Muhtarram was later demoted to fourth and Willie Carson was given a three-day ban for improper riding after a running battle with Grand Lodge and Cash Asmussen early in the straight. Carson described the stewards' decision as "ridiculous".

Nothing, however, could dilute the joy of Simon Crisford, manager of Godolphin Racing, the owners of Cezanne. "It was a gamble putting him in today's race. But Michael [Stoute] thought it was worth taking a shot and it was an inspired decision on his part," Crisford said.

Cezanne, given a powerful ride by Michael Kinane, now has a choice of the Champion Stakes at Newmarket or a tilt at the Arc, although Stoute is leaning towards the English race.

THUNDERER
2.10 Days Of Thunder. 2.40 Out The Door. 3.10 Tordo. 3.40 Sir Norman Holt. 4.10 So Discreet. 4.40 Deduce.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (GOOD IN PLACES) SIS

2.10 PATCHAM SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,896: 2m 1f) (9 runners)

1 5-11 DAYS OF THUNDER 14 (CD,G) J White 6-11-10 A Maguire
2 0-30 MANHATTAN BOY 13 (CD,F,G,S) J Ffitch-Heyes 12-11-7 E Murphy
3 22-3 HATS HIGH 18 (V,B,S) F Gray 9-10-1 M Crosse
4 6-22 CYRILL HENRY 2 (D,F,G) P Wakworth 5-10-0 B Powell
5 5P-4 CLASSY KAHYASI 12 (B) T McGovern 4-10-0 D Bridgwater
6 40/ KENYATTA 19F A Moore 5-10-0 D Gallagher
7 -452 OMIDJOY 14 (B) J Jenkins 4-10-0 A P McCoy (7)
8 -230 BARCHAM 5 (BF,S) D Wilson 7-10-0 J R Kavanagh
9 06/ ST JOHN'S HILL 597F W Turner 6-10-0 T Murphy (7)

6-4 Days Of Thunder, 5-1 Hats High, 6-1 Manhattan Boy, Cyrill Henry, 8-1 Barcham, 10-1 Classy Kahyasi, Omidjoy, 12-1 others.

2.40 TRANS WORLD EXHIBITIONS NOVICES CHASE (£2,399: 3m 1f 110yd) (6)

1 P2-1 DEBT OF HONOR 26 (D,F,G) R Lee 6-11-7 P McLoughlin (5)
2 P-16 DARKBROOK 9 (F) D Gandolfo 7-11-2 R Farrant
3 A/3 EXPRESS TRAVEL 25 R Curtis 6-11-2 D Walsh (5)
4 051- OUT THE DOOR 163 (G) J White 5-11-2 A Maguire
5 /54 THE DARK WATCH 9 R Brotherton 11-11-2 C Llewellyn
6 -405 APRIL'S BABY 5 (B) Miss C Carne 10-10-11 I Lawrence

6-4 Out The Door, 5-2 Debt Of Honor, 7-2 Darkbrook, 8-1 Express Travel, The Dark Watch, 25-1 April's Baby.

3.10 A R DENNIS BOOKMAKERS JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE (£1,912: 2m 1f) (8)

1 1 JUBILEE ROYALE 14 (F) G Hubbard 11-5 G Bazin (7)
2 431 TORDO 14 (D,B,F) C Mann 11-5 J Osborne
3 CHARITY CASE A Moore 10-12 D Gallagher
4 KOMPLICITY 91F Bob Jones 10-12 V Smith
5 SUPERLATIVECASTING 105F J Ffitch-Heyes 10-12 E Murphy
6 SWEDISH INVADER 107F J White 10-12 A Maguire
7 5 DANIELLE HABIBI 19 C Elsey 10-7 M Richards
8 SWEET WHISPER 31F K McAuliffe 10-7 J McCarthy (3)

9-4 Jubilee Royale, 11-4 Tordo, Swedish Invader, 7-1 Danielle Habibi, 8-1 Komplicity, 12-1 Charity Case, 14-1 others.

3.40 KNIGHT FRANK & RUTLEY HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,322: 2m 4f) (6)

1 0/0- APOLLO KING 4F (CD,F) P Mitchell 8-11-10 Mr R Teal
2 -222 BONDAID 21 (C,F,G) J White 10-11-7 A Maguire
3 311 SIR NORMAN HOLT 14 (CD,F) R O'Sullivan 5-11-2 D O'Sullivan
4 58-F TEL E THON 5 (V,CD,F,G) Miss C Carne 7-11-1 D Leahy (3)
5 S/1 LADY BUNTING 12 (F) Miss B Sanders 7-10-11 M Richards
6 /33- DENNINGTON 339 (G) G Hubbard 6-10-9 P Verling

Evens Sir Norman Holt, 9-2 Lady Bunting, 6-1 Bondaid, Tel E Thon, Dennington, 10-1 Apollo King.

4.10 ROEBUCK HOTEL FOREST ROW NOVICES CHASE (£2,256: 2m 5f) (8)

1 2414 CREWS CASTLE 5 (CD,F,G) J Jenkins 7-11-8 J Railton
2 3F12 SO DISCREET 16 (B,BF,F,S) J White 6-11-8 A Maguire
3 0-03 EMERALD GEM 16 (S) B Jeckes 8-11-2 W Marston
4 003- JIMMY THE JACKDAW 104 P Butler 7-11-2 C Llewellyn
5 022 KINLOGH GALE 2 J O'Shea 6-11-2 D Bridgwater
6 2-U2 OXFORD QUILL 33 (S) R Curtis 7-11-2 M Richards
7 433- SQUEEZE PLAY 146 (B,F) D Grissell 9-11-2 Peter Hobbs
8 44P- PAPER STAR 100 M Muggeridge 7-10-11 B Powell

7-4 So Discreet, 11-4 Crews Castle, 6-1 Kinlogh Gale, 7-1 others.

4.40 PEASE POTTAGE NOVICES HURDLE (£1,622: 2m 4f) (12)

1 -111 DEDUCE 14 (D,F,G) J White 5-12-0 A Maguire
2 0P5- RANKLE STREET 208 G Hubbard 6-11-0 P Verling
3 INCHYDONEY BOY J Poulton 5-11-0 R Rowell
4 6- NOBLE SOCIETY 14F M Usher 6-11-0 J Osborne
5 242- SIMPLY 24F R O'Sullivan 5-11-0 D O'Sullivan
6 -130 ST ATHANS LAD 13 (B,F,G) R Curtis 9-11-0 D Walsh (5)
7 23-2 THE WEATHERMAN 14 A Jessop 8-11-0 R Bellamy
8 3-34 DO BE WARE 33 (B) J Ffitch-Heyes 4-10-12 A Thornton
9 63 ESERIE DE CORES 14 (V) Mrs L Jewell 4-10-12 Henry Pearce (7)
10 0 HONEST DAVE 9 B Pearce 4-10-12 D Gallagher
11 ICE REBEL 100F Miss B Sanders 4-10-12 M Richards
12 280- MILLMOUNT 185 (B) T McGovern 4-10-7 D Bridgwater

9-4 Deduce, 6-1 The Weatherman, Simply, Ice Rebel, 7-1 Millmount, 8-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: P Mitchell, 5 winners from 12 runners, 41.7%; J White, 38 from 120, 31.7%; R Jeckes, 5 from 23, 21.7%; J Jenkins, 14 from 71, 19.7%; R O'Sullivan, 6 from 33, 18.2%; D Grissell, 9 from 53, 17.0%.

JOCKEYS: Mr R Teal, 5 winners from 7 rides, 71.4%; A Maguire, 42 from 137, 30.7%; J Osborne, 10 from 44, 22.7%; E Murphy, 4 from 18, 22.2%; Peter Hobbs, 6 from 38, 15.8%, D O'Sullivan, 7 from 50, 14.0%.

LEICESTER

THUNDERER
2.20 Admiral's Realm. 2.50 Upper Grosvenor. 3.20 Here Comes A Star. 3.50 Nakita. 4.20 Neverending. 4.50 Galora.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.50 UPPER GROSVENOR.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 4.50 Pleasure Beach.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS
DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE

2.20 HIGHFIELDS LIMITED STAKES (£3,395: 5f 218yd) (22 runners)

1 (7) 0003 DAWALIB 23 (G) D Haydn Jones 4-9-3 D Harrison 90
2 (14) 0015 MELODIC DRIVE 74 (D,BF,G,S) P Felgate 4-9-3 G Duffield 82
3 (8) 4002 PLUM FIRST 14 (D,B,F,S) N Bycroft 4-9-3 S Maloney 92
4 (22) 0006 ABSO 32 (D,F,G) Mrs A Jermy 6-9-0 D Griffiths (7) –
5 (21) 6033 ADMIRALS REALM 10 (D,F) B McMahon 5-9-0 J Weaver 84
6 (1) 0300 GREEN'S BID 16 (B,D,G) D Chapman 4-9-0 K Darley [illegible]
7 (2) 2000 SCOTS LAW 23 (B,D,F,G) J Long 7-9-0 D Wright (5) 77
8 (12) 0000 SEAMERE 7 (B,D,F,G) B Cambidge 11-9-0 C Hawksley (5) 73
9 (16) 0600 SONDERISE 93 (D,G,S) N Tinkler 5-9-0 Kim Tinkler 82
10 (20) 0054 WADERS DREAM 13 (V,D,F) Pat Mitchell 5-9-0 L Piggott 75
11 (6) 4360 OVALWORLD 11 (B,D,G) D Nicholls 3-8-11 Paul Eddery 83
12 (8) 4213 ANSELLADY 9 (D,F) J Berry 3-8-9 J Carroll 93
13 (11) 0102 DELIVER 11 (D,F) Mrs J Ramsden 3-8-9 K Fallon 92
14 (3) 0546 HOTARIA 33 (D,F,S) R Whitaker 4-8-9 A Culhane 89
15 (4) 1000 LA PETITE FUSEE 26 (D,G) R O'Sullivan 3-8-9 Stephen Davies (3) 85
16 (10) 0/6 ORIENTAL SONG 34 K Bridgwater 5-8-9 T Ives 86
17 (19) 3010 PHARSICAL 11 (F,G) M Channon 3-8-9 R Hughes 96
18 (15) -000 RAIN SPLASH 65 (D,G,S) J Balding 4-8-9 Claire Balding (7) 87
19 (17) -004 DOMINO QUEEN 73 (B,S) J Payne 3-8-6 G Bardwell 89
20 (13) 6005 ECHARDE 27 P Walwyn 3-8-6 M Hills 89
21 (18) -000 HILL FARM KATIE 6 (G) W Brisbourne 3-8-6 A Garth (5) 75
22 (5) 3000 MADURAI 25 J Dunlop 3-8-6 J Reid 97

6-1 Deliver, 7-1 Plum First, 8-1 Admiral's Realm, Ansellady, 10-1 Waders Dream, 12-1 Dawalib, Sonderise, Domino Queen, 14-1 others.

2.50 GOLDEN HAND SELLING STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,768: 1m 1f 218yd) (19)

1 (5) 4546 SHAREOFTHEACTION 18 (G) Mrs A Naughton 9-4 V Halliday (7) 93
2 (18) 4504 UPPER GROSVENOR 28 (G) W Muir 9-4 J Weaver [illegible]
3 (19) 5505 T O O MAMMA'S 9 (F,G) J Berry 8-13 J Carroll 84
4 (16) 00 ARRAS BLUE 28 J Long 8-11 D Wright (5) –
5 (8) 0650 BILL AND WIN 51 K White 8-11 W Newnes 90
6 (4) 0-00 DESERT PRESIDENT 133 R Hoad 8-11 Paul Eddery 79
7 (13) 6500 DRY GINGER 31 (V) Lord Huntingdon 8-11 M Hills 84
8 (6) 000 JUICE PLUS 23 J Parkes 8-11 J Stack (5) –
9 (11) -080 PAT'S SPLENDOUR 33 (F) D Morris 8-11 J Fanning 88
10 (1) -000 PRINCERULLAH 14 (V) C Broad 8-11 M Wigham 70
11 (9) 0006 RAMSHAW 6 R Hannon 8-11 K Darley 83
12 (17) 0500 REAL MADRID 27 (B) G Enright 8-11 D Griffiths (7) 85
13 (10) 5-64 AVONDALE ROSE 26 B Rothwell 8-6 J Fortune 76
14 (2) 0 BARON'S SARELA 14 W Brisbourne 8-6 A Garth (5) –
15 (14) 0400 HAYDON HILL 16 C Cyzer 8-6 K Fallon 84
16 (3) 5001 MCGILLYCUDDY REEKS 28 (D,F) R Hollinshead 8-6 W Ryan 91
17 (12) 0540 NOT FOR SALE 115 J Wharton 8-6 J Quinn 79
18 (7) 8260 STORM HEIGHTS 21 (B) M Brittain 8-6 J Lowe 65
19 (15) -209 WHARFEDALE MUSIC 122 R Whitaker 8-5 A Culhane 80

9-1 Upper Grosvenor, 5-1 McGillycuddy Reeks, 7-1 Shareoftheaction, 10-1 T O O Mamma's, 12-1 Desert President, Haydon Hill, 14-1 others.

3.20 NEW LEICESTER SOUND HANDICAP (£4,240: 5f 2yd) (17)

1 (17) 3000 HERE COMES A STAR 3 (CD,F,G) J Carr 6-10-0 L Piggott 97
2 (16) 2500 MR M-E-N 23 (D,G,S) J Berry 3-9-13 P Roberts (7) 97
3 (5) 0301 FARFELU 13 (B,D,F,G) W Muir 7-9-13 J Weaver 95
4 (2) 3410 JOIN THE CLAN 9 (C,D,F,G) Mrs N Macauley 5-9-12 Dean McKeown 97
5 (4) 0540 MACS MAHARANEE 27 (D,F,G) P Felgate 7-9-12 W Ryan [illegible]
6 (8) 4120 GILT THRONE 65 (C,D,F,G,S) M Tompkins 7-9-11 P Robinson 93
7 (7) 0165 PRINCE AZZAAN 16 (D,F) N Callaghan 3-9-6 D Griffiths (7) 98
8 (15) 0230 DANCE FOCUS 3 (D,G) W O'Gorman 3-9-6 T Ives 96
9 (9) 3240 PALLIUM 9 (D,F,G) Mrs A Naughton 6-9-0 J Stack (5) 98
10 (14) 1110 MISS MOVIE WORLD 23 (D,F,G,S) M Hammond 5-8-13 J Marshall (5) 95
11 (6) 6400 ARAGROVE 14 (D,F,G) J Payne 4-8-12 W Hood 94
12 (10) 1504 HAD A GIRL 14 (CD,F) B McMahon 3-8-8 J Fortune 97
13 (3) 2344 KABCAST 49 (B,D,F,G,S) D Chapman 9-8-6 K Darley 94
14- (13) 2312 THE FED 17 (D,F) R Whitaker 4-8-4 A Culhane 97
15 (1) 0500 MY LIFETIME LADY 11 (D,F,S) R Hollinshead 3-7-10 J Lowe 90
16 (12) 2354 AQUADO 10 (V,D,F) A Forbes 5-7-7 D Wright (5) 92
17 (11) 4443 TEE-EMM 17 (D,G) P Howling 4-7-7 J Quinn 93

7-1 The Fed, 8-1 Miss Movie World, Dance Focus, 10-1 Join The Clan, Mr M-E-N, Farfelu, 12-1 Here Comes A Star, Prince Azzaan, 14-1 others.

3.50 CHARNWOOD CLAIMING STAKES (£3,420: 5f 218yd) (21)

1 (19) 6565 JIMMY THE SKUNK 7 (D,F,G,S) R Hollinshead 3-9-9 K Darley 80
2 (18) 1230 YET MORE ROSES 14 (B,D,G) P Cole 3-9-9 M Hills 81
3 (14) 0630 ST MARTHA 31 (G) M Tompkins 4-9-7 P Robinson 63
4 (3) 5563 LA RESIDENCE 17 Mrs M Macauley 3-9-1 J Weaver 80
5 (2) 0253 ROCKY TWO 7 (BF,G) B McMahon 3-8-11 J Fortune 87
6 (16) 00 ALLO DOT 13 J Hetherton 3-8-10 W Newnes –
7 (4) 2040 BROOKHEAD LADY 9 (D,F,S) P Evans 3-8-10 S Maloney 93
8 (21) 000 DOUBLE SPLENDOUR 23 P Felgate 4-8-10 G Duffield –
9 (9) 6 FLUTTER WITH LIFE 32 Mrs A Jermy 3-8-10 M Wigham –
10 (6) 3216 FRISKY MISS 14 (D,F,S) J Berry 3-8-10 J Carroll 90
11 (11) 0500 FORGOTTEN DANCER 32 (B,D,S) R Hannon 3-8-7 J Reid 98
12 (20) 5360 THE SHARP BIDDER 14 (CD,G) R Hollinshead 4-8-6 A Garth (5) 85
13 (17) 5000 HEALTHY RISK 34 (B) M Blanshard 3-8-3 Stephen Davies (3) 79
14 (8) 000- ARRAS ROYALE 347 J Long 4-8-2 D Wright (5) –
15 (1) 2105 MUTINIQUE 93 (D,BF,S) M Pipe 3-8-2 Paul Eddery 88
16 (12) 5443 LITTLE HOOLIGAN 10 (V,D,BF,G) M Channon 3-7-13 F Norton 89
17 (7) 4000 NAKITA 9 (D,F) B Meehan 3-7-12 J Quinn [illegible]
18 (15) 0006 ASCOM PAGER TOO 41 (B) P Howling 4-7-11 J Fanning 65
19 (10) KAJOSTAR S Campion 4-7-11 Dale Gibson –
20 (13) 5440 HI KIKI 34 Mrs M McCourt 3-7-8 G Bardwell 97
21 (5) 0400 SEVEN UP CYD 61 (B) P Cundell 3-7-8 D Denby (7) 81

6-1 Rocky Two, 7-1 Frisky Miss, 8-1 Yet More Roses, Jimmy The Skunk, La Residence, 10-1 Nakita, 12-1 Forgotten Dancer, The Sharp Bidder, 14-1 others.

4.20 KEGWORTH CONDITIONS STAKES (2-Y-O: £4,313: 7f 9yd) (7)

1 (5) 1 NIGHT DANCE 72 (D,F) G Lewis 9-2 Paul Eddery 94
2 (3) 0012 CAPTAIN'S DAY 18 (D,F) T Mills 8-11 J Reid 98
3 (1) 1 MNEMONIC 25 (F) H Candy 8-11 W Newnes 86
4 (4) 3212 NEVERENDING 19 (D,F) H Cecil 8-11 W Ryan [illegible]
5 (7) 0 SILENTLY 25 I Balding 8-11 K Darley –
6 (6) TAME DEER W O'Gorman 8-11 Emma O'Gorman (3) –
7 (2) 5 INSTANT SUCCESS 93 W O'Gorman 8-6 T Ives 84

7-4 Neverending, 9-4 Night Dance, 6-1 Mnemonic, Captain's Day, 12-1 Instant Success, Silently, 25-1 Tame Deer.

4.50 LADBROKE NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O £3,652: 5f 218yd) (20)

1 (9) 0236 DANCING HEART 17 B Meehan 9-7 W Newnes 98
2 (17) 3304 AT LIBERTY 6 R Hannon 9-6 J Reid 94
3 (14) 3003 PACIFIC GIRL 13 B Palling 8-13 Stephen Davies (3) 85
4 (2) 5621 GALORA 10 (D,G) M Tompkins 8-11 P Robinson 97
5 (5) 2063 SMALL HICCUP 10 (V) J Glover 8-9 K Darley [illegible]
6 (6) 0051 PLEASURE BEACH 7 (G) W O'Gorman 8-9 (7ex) T Ives 96
7 (1) 6003 ROBO MAGIC 18 G Lewis 8-8 Paul Eddery 91
8 (12) 2124 ANNIE FAY 26 (D,F) J Berry 8-7 J Carroll 95
9 (17) 000 NEVER TIME 9 J Banks 8-6 J Quinn 84
10 (18) 040 HARRY BROWNE 23 Mrs J Ramsden 8-6 J Fanning 85
11 (16) 0450 HOH 10 P Cole 8-6 W Ryan 90
12 (15) 0050 LUCKY MAGPIE 23 Mrs J Ramsden 8-4 K Fallon 86
13 (19) 600 TABARD GARDEN 16 D Nicholls 8-2 J Lowe 87
14 (3) 5051 NEVER SO RITE 19 (F) D Arbuthnot 7-13 G Bardwell 92
15 (13) 4160 IRCHESTER LASS 16 (D,F) Mrs N Macauley 7-12 Dale Gibson 93
16 (10) 6600 GILPA TRINKETS 16 D Chapman 7-10 L Charnock 80
17 (4) 000 KEBRANGUS 35 N Bycroft 7-10 N Kennedy –
18 (8) 030 SHANGHAI LIL 16 M Fetherston-Godley 7-10 F Norton 87
19 (20) 4031 SAMAKA HARA 35 (CD,F) N Tinkler 7-7 Kim Tinkler 92
20 (7) 0060 GAININGHAM GLORY 4 R Whitaker 7-7 D Wright (5) 86

8-1 Pleasure Beach, 9-1 Galora, 10-1 Dancing Heart, Robo Magic, Harry Browne, 12-1 Small Hiccup, Samaka Hara, Never So Rite, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: H Cecil, 22 winners from 88 runners, 25.0%; M Pipe, 6 from 27, 22.2%; P Walwyn, 6 from 30, 20.0%; J Dunlop, 15 from 84, 17.9%; G Lewis, 7 from 41, 17.1%; Lord Huntingdon, 6 from 38, 15.8%.

JOCKEYS: J Weaver, 9 winners from 45 rides, 20.0%; L Piggott, 8 from 40, 20.0%; J Carroll, 5 from 34, 17.6%; Paul Eddery, 16 from 109, 14.7%; J Reid, 11 from 86, 12.8%; W Ryan, 20 from 170, 11.8%.

□ Jack Berry's Margaret's Gift, ridden by John Carroll, finished second to Diamond Sun in the listed £9,338 Thermoval Deutschland Bayerischer Fliegerpreis at Munich yesterday. In Hanover, the Lady Herries-trained Frustration, ridden by David Harrison, finished third behind Theophanu in the group three £28,210 Preis der Hannoverschen Sparkasse und der VGH over 1½ miles.

□ John Dunlop saddled a double at San Siro on Saturday, with Louis Queen in the £7,896 Premio Casorate, and Albinor in the £4,935 Premio Derganino.

□ Morley Street, trained by Toby Balding, finished fourth to Vaquero in the Corsa Siepi di Merano in Italy yesterday.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Coxless four among early challengers

STEVE Redgrave and Matthew Pinsent lead the British challenge in the world rowing championships at Eagle Creek Park, Indianapolis, today, defending the coxless pairs title they won in Prague last year (Mike Rosewell writes).

The Searle brothers also race today, not in their accustomed coxed pair but in Britain's new coxless four. The crew, with Rupert Obholzer and Tim Foster involved, had an enigmatic beginning to the season at regattas at Henley and Lucerne, but are now in a new boat after wrecking their original in a collision. Steve Gunn, coach to the Searles and Obholzer since their school days, is pleased with the rapidly built replacement, which is a bare kilogram over the permitted weight.

Eight of Britain's 15-boat team begin their events today, with the team attempting to equal, or better, the four golds achieved in Prague, which placed Britain second in the world rankings. Among the women's competitions, Miriam Batten and Jo Turvey face a particularly strong field in the coxless pairs. Those rowing early will be hoping to escape the 90°F temperatures forecast for later in the day.

Cumbria victorious

BOWLS: Cumbria, the runners-up last year, won the NatWest Bank Middleton Cup for the first time when they defeated Middlesex 102-98 at Worthing on Saturday. They lost a big lead over Dorset in the semi-finals, scraping through by one shot, before holding on to a hard-won advantage during the closing ends against Middlesex. John Bell's rink had Cumbria's biggest success, 21-13 over Kenny Allen's, while Steve Halmai's won by six for Middlesex against that of John Wills.

Dean Hemming, of the Bank House Hotel Club, near Worcester, won the NatWest national under-18 singles championship at Worthing yesterday, beating Olly Ovett, of Preston, Brighton, 21-18. Hemming trailed 12-9, but then surged ahead using minimum jacks for a deserved victory.

Hardy recovers deficit

CYCLING: Adam Hardy pulled back a deficit at the halfway mark of ten seconds on Ceri Pritchard to win the national junior ten miles time-trial championship yesterday, near Barton-upon-Humber, at his second attempt. The new champion, a member of the City Road Club, in Hull, regularly rides the course and has a personal best time of 19min 40sec. Conditions yesterday, however, did not favour fast times as headwinds on the outward leg slowed the riders. Hardy, the No 1 seed in an entry of 73 riders, won in 21min 15sec. Pritchard finished in 21min 33sec, one second clear of Brett Harwood. Last year, Harwood tied for the gold medal with Zak Carr, who is now in the senior ranks.

Hendry stays unbeaten

SNOOKER: Stephen Hendry benefited from the misfortune of his opponent, Ken Doherty, to remain undefeated after two matches in the Top Rank Classic, a five-man round-robin event, in Hat Yai, Thailand, yesterday. The world champion, who beat Darren Morgan 7-4 on Friday, overcame Doherty 6-5 in a high-quality match that turned on one shot. Doherty led 30-0 in the deciding frame when, in attempting to dislodge some reds into an open position, he went in off direct from potting the blue. Hendry, who had earlier compiled breaks of 76, 74, 64, and 41, did not require a second opportunity. The Scot fashioned a 75 clearance to improve his chances of collecting the £20,000 winner's cheque.

Rutherford on song

POLO: Mike Rutherford's Mechanics beat Nick Cook's Vachery 6-3 in the final of the Cowdray Park autumn league cup, played over five chukkas at Ambersham, Sussex, on Saturday. Mechanics, who were power-based on Adrian Wade and the seven-goal international, Alan Kent, were 6-2 up at treading-in time, two of their goals coming from the mallet of Rutherford, playing magnificently off his modest handicap. In the Cowdray Club's Farewell Cup final, which was decided yesterday over four chukkas, Pinehill (received ½) beat Polo Plus 5½-4. Pinehill were pivoted on the five-handicap local man, Oliver Ellis.

British fall short

EQUESTRIANISM: Great Britain failed to finish in the first three places in the nations' cup event at the Spruce Meadows Masters in Calgary for only the second time in the competition's 19-year history as the United States enjoyed a surprise victory over the hosts, Canada. The British finished in fifth place ahead of Germany, the world champions, who were an even more disappointing seventh. The event was overshadowed by controversies concerning the size of the course — many obstacles were lowered after complaints by the riders — and the decision to use the new nations' cup format, which will become compulsory in January.

Saive justifies ranking

TABLE TENNIS: The world No 1, Jean-Michel Saive, of Belgium, won the European Masters Cup yesterday with a straight-games victory over Peter Karlsson, of Sweden, the surprise finalist. Saive's success followed his capture of the European title in Birmingham in April, when he beat Jan-Ove Waldner, the Olympic champion, and proved that he is still worth his ranking. Chen Xinhua, 35, the English national champion, lost to Waldner in the quarter-final, having beaten Jean-Philippe Gatien, the world champion, in straight games on Saturday.

Simms to join Halifax

RUGBY LEAGUE: Halifax are expected to announce the appointment today of Steve Simms, Leigh's Australian coach, as successor to Malcolm Reilly, the former Great Britain coach, who is leaving to take charge of Newcastle Knights in Sydney. During two seasons at Leigh, Simms has nurtured a host of talented young players, but was unable to prevent relegation to the second division last season.

□ Kelvin Skerrett, the Great Britain prop, who fractured a cheekbone in Wigan's defeat at Leeds last Friday, should be fit for the international against Australia on October 22.

Bears provide upset

ICE HOCKEY: Last weekend's success for Slough Jets over Cardiff Devils was emulated on Saturday by Medway Bears' 6-5 win over Bracknell Bees to suggest that the difference between premier and first-division clubs may be getting narrower. The Bears were indebted to their goaltender, Russ Jackson, who made 55 saves, while his team-mates managed only 35 shots on goal. Also in group D of the Benson and Hedges Cup, Basingstoke Beavers edged out South Jets 7-6, with 13 different players scoring once.

Marshall's prize scalp

SQUASH: Peter Marshall, of Britain, recorded his first victory over the world No 1, Jansher Khan, in the final of the European club championships in Paris on Saturday. Marshall, 23, beat Jansher 3-0 to inflict the first defeat on the world champion since he lost to Peter Nicol, of Scotland, in the Leekes Classic in Cardiff in February. Marshall's unexpected win clinched the European title for his German club, OSC Ingolstadt, who beat the holders, Capitol Saint Cloud, of France, 3-2.

Shearer first among equals while Amokachi lacks support


Amokachi: single chance

Blackburn Rovers 3
Everton 0

BY PETER BALL

DANIEL Amokachi had not seen Alan Shearer until last week. He knows all about him now, Shearer scoring twice for the second time in four days and inspiring Blackburn to the win that sent Everton to the bottom of the FA Carling Premiership. It was a hard introduction to English football for Amokachi. He had a great reception from the Everton supporters, and then a warm one from Blackburn, who roasted Everton, playing some delightful football, especially in the first half.

"Their attack was brilliant," Amokachi said. "The change of pace was marvellous." Shearer, of course, stood out. He is the complete article, fast, strong, aggressive, powerful, but with a good touch and full awareness of his colleagues. On Saturday, however, he was just first among equals.

Both Ripley and Wilcox continually exposed the Everton flanks. As Ripley gave him a difficult start, it took David Burrows only eight minutes to get booked, proving he had not gone soft during his sojourn in the south, and Wilcox capped an all-action display with a splendid volley from Shearer's cross for the second goal. But, after Shearer, the key was Robbie Slater, their Australia international.

His buzzing energy and intelligent use of the ball meant that even David Batty was hardly missed. "He's slotted in really, really well," Colin Hendry said. "He wants to be part of everything. He's always there making sure he's noticed."

Hendry himself was a third outstanding candidate for the man-of-the-match award. A towering blond presence, the white headband, like a banner to rally his men in the heart of the defence, he hardly gave Amokachi, or any other Everton forward, a kick. "There was a lot of noise about him going to terrorise Premiership defences, and that gave us an incentive," Hendry said simply.

Amokachi did not terrorise Blackburn. Alongside Hendry, Tony Gale, in the twilight of his career, was immaculate, provoking the thought that he should have joined a good team years ago.

It was all too much for Everton, who had little to offer, giving Amokachi little support. "He's got to get used to the pace of the game," Hendry said. "It passed him by at times, but he's going to score goals when he gets into it. He's got good pace and touch."

On Saturday, however, Amokachi had only one chance. A one-two with Rideout put him through, only for Hendry's perfect saving tackle to take the chance away as he lined himself up. Comparisons are invidious, but sometimes irresistable, and the thought of Shearer in such a position was telling.

All the comparisons told in Blackburn's favour. While Flowers made the only save required of him, Southall looks increasingly shaky, letting Shearer's 25-yard shot squeeze under his hand for the first goal, and only parrying Slater's shot and then tripping Sutton as he picked up the rebound for Shearer to score the third from the spot.

"Once again we've given goals away," Mike Walker, the Everton manager, said. "There's nothing happening in the game, then one ball over the top and we're 1-0 down." If that ball over the top reaches Shearer, however, it becomes deadly. In spite of being the man failing to stop Shearer for the first two goals, for an hour, Unsworth was their best player until the constant pressure got to him, too.

"All we need right now is another striker and a lot of work, but that's up to the manager and chairman to sort out," Amokachi said optimistically. Muller, the Brazilian, was meant to be arriving on Saturday to sign on as Amokachi's striking partner, but he missed the plane, provoking fears that Everton might have missed the boat.

"It's a question of him sorting things out with his club," Walker said. All we can do is wait."

BLACKBURN ROVERS (4-4-2): T Flowers — H Berg, C Hendry, A Gale, G Le Saux — A Ripley, R Slater (sub: M Atkins, 85min), T Sherwood, J Wilcox — A Shearer, C Sutton (sub: I Pearce, 85).
EVERTON (4-4-2): N Southall — M Jackson, D Watson, D Unsworth, D Burrows — G Stuart, J Ebbrell, V Samways, A Limpar — D Amokachi, P Rideout.
Referee: R Dilkes

Chelsea play their part in match where winning was not everything

Newcastle lead glory game to new golden era

Newcastle United 4
Chelsea 1

BY DAVID MILLER

FOR too many years — since some time back in the late Sixties — football has been propagating a lie, which unscrupulous, expedient or insecure managers insisted was a truth: that football was all about, damn the phrase, getting-a-result. On Saturday at St James's Park, Newcastle and Chelsea marvellously, memorably exposed the lie. Chelsea did not get a result, as the saying goes, but contributed to something far more important.

Here was the finest competitive football anyone could wish to see: vibrant, adventurous, fluent patterns woven across the lush turf, spilling over with scoring chances. It certainly was not coach-perfect, to satisfy the man who has imprisoned the game for so long, but it was a joy for over 34,000 people to watch, drawing a standing ovation.

Older observers could put away their nostalgic wish for the days of Matthews and Finney, or Pelé, Charlton and Cruyff, and instead revel with those of under 40, or 20, at the technical wizardry of Cole and Fox, of Gavin Peacock and Furlong; at the tactical vision of Sellars and Watson, of Spackman and Rocastle. When football such as this is played, there is hope yet for England.

For years, the lie survived while the game died. Frightened managers and indoctrinated players cheated the public of entertainment and accused us — the press — of unsympathetic and ignorant criticism, when the ignorance was theirs. Now there is a new breed of manager, as Glenn Hoddle has suggested — Kevin Keegan, Trevor and Gerry Francis, himself — financially independent following their own playing careers, unafraid and determined to be positive. In conjunction with referees, belatedly guided by Fifa's vision of light and being willing to apply the laws as written in favour of creative rather than destructive players, players may be entering a new era.

The brilliance of the match was made not only by the fervour with which Newcastle attacked — down both flanks with Watson and Sellars, through the middle with the panther-like Cole — but by Chelsea's response to the danger: not to clamp down, but to be equally positive. Had Wise not squandered an open goal soon after Newcastle took the lead for the third time early in the second half and then stupidly and deservedly been sent off for petulantly insulting a linesman, Chelsea might have saved the day. Is this the captain Chelsea want?

Instead, Newcastle were able to emulate their best-ever opening sequence to the season in the senior league, five successive victories in 1908-09 — against Bradford City, Leicester Fosse, Bristol City, Woolwich Arsenal and Notts County. How the Tyneside supporters, England's best with thousands sporting the regimental colours of black and white stripes, deserve the success.

On this showing, Newcastle will undoubtedly challenge for the League title for the first time since 1926-27. They will, however, have an alarming if exciting journey because their midfield, by being so positive, gives only moderate cover against counter-attacking by the opposition's midfield, which exposed the vulnerability of the central defenders, Albert, from Belgium, and the absurdly over-priced Darren Peacock, £2.5 million worth of uncertainty.

Newcastle, still without Beardsley, injured in the opening match — and so excitingly replaced by Watson — will say that the hesitancy of their reserve goalkeeper, Hooper, assisted Chelsea's two equalising goals in the first half-hour. Chelsea would reply that they should and would have led 3-2 but for a wild miss by Gavin Peacock and that Wise should have made it 3-3. Both teams achieved that priceless quality of leaving spectators gasping for the next occasion.

From the first minute, when Fox, turning like an eel, forced a reflex save, full length, by Kharine, you could not take your eyes off the field. A stunning goal by Cole, on the run and high in the left-hand corner, left Kharine groping. Soon, Chelsea equalised when Spencer's shot from Spackman's cross was parried by Hooper and swept home by Gavin Peacock. Back came Newcastle tenaciously. Clark held Cole grounded by the shoulders, Kharine pushed out Lee's penalty only for Cole to tuck the ball in the net.

Hooper fumbled Furlong's header from Spencer's cross to level the score, but a lovely run by the full back, Beresford, set up the third for Lee before Cole hit the fourth as Chelsea momentarily floundered. Then Wise departed and for Chelsea it was all over.

NEWCASTLE UNITED (4-4-2): M Hooper — M Hottiger, D Peacock, P Albert, J Beresford — S Watson, R Lee, B Venison, S Sellars — R Fox, A Cole.
CHELSEA (4-4-2): D Kharine — S Clark, J Kjeldbjerg, E Johnsen, F Sinclair — D Wise, G Peacock, N Spackman (sub: E Newton, 74min) — D Rocastle (sub: G Hoddle, 76) — P Furlong, J Spencer.
Referee: P Jones.

TED DITCHBURN


Kjeldbjerg's astonishment is apparent as Cole scores his brilliant opening goal for Newcastle

PREMIERSHIP AT A GLANCE

		Played	Points	Goal diff	Recent form
1	Newcastle	5	15	+14	WWWWW
2	Nottm Forest	5	13	+6	WDWWW
3	Blackburn	5	11	+10	DWWDW
4	Liverpool	4	10	+10	WWWD
5	Manchester Utd	5	10	+5	WDWWL
6	Leeds	5	10	+2	DWLWW
7	Chelsea	4	9	+4	WWWL
8	Tottenham	4	9	+3	WWLW
9	Aston Villa	5	9	+3	DDDWW
10	Manchester City	5	7	+1	LWWLD
11	Norwich	5	6	-1	LDWDD
12	Arsenal	5	5	-1	WLLDD
13	QPR	5	5	-2	LWLDD
14	Wimbledon	5	5	-3	DDLLW
15	Sheffield Wed	5	4	-4	LLWDL
16	Ipswich	5	4	-4	LDWLL
17	Crystal Palace	5	3	-6	LDDLD
18	Southampton	4	2	-6	DDLL
19	West Ham	5	2	-6	DLLLD
20	Coventry	5	2	-9	DLLLD
21	Leicester	5	1	-7	LLLDL
22	Everton	5	1	-9	DLLLL

Weekly change: Up — Stayed the same — Down

Wednesday burnt as Roy lights Forest fire

Nottingham Forest 4
Sheffield Wednesday 1

BY PAT GIBSON

EVEN with a former lumberjack in their ranks, Sheffield Wednesday could not see the wood for the trees as Nottingham Forest suggested that the roots they have put down could be strong enough to sustain a challenge for a place in Europe, if not for the FA Carling Premiership title.

Frank Clark, the Forest manager, admitted that it took them a little while to work out how Wednesday were going to play when his opposite number, Trevor Francis, finally named his team. It did not take them anything like as long as Wednesday, who were still trying to make 4-4-1-1 or 4-4-2 add up to the correct answer when the final whistle went.

Nobody was more confused than Klas Ingesson, the Swedish midfield player who was making his debut following his £2 million transfer from PSV Eindhoven. He used to fell forests for a living but here he never got in a telling blow after starting wide on the left, having another go wide on the right and finishing up at the centre of confusion.

It might have been different had Wednesday not been without Des Walker, the former Forest defender, who was missing because of a hamstring injury. Francis liked to think so, although Walker would have had to be at his quickest to keep up with the twists and turns of Stan Collymore and the pace and poise of Brian Roy.

They were the key figures in a vibrant Forest performance that must have taken Francis back to his own heady days at the City Ground. "Of all the games to lose Des Walker," he said, "this is not the one I would have chosen because of the threat of Collymore and Roy. Both of them are exciting players who complement each other very well up front and give inspiration to the rest of the team by the way they perform. They are quite elusive. They look as though they can score goals and they caused us problems throughout the game."

That was still not quite the whole story of a revealing match in which Forest scored four times through Black, Bohinen, Pearce — from the penalty spot — and Roy, who completed an outstanding display by seizing on a superb pass from the influential Bohinen and speeding past Nolan and Pressman to slip the ball into the net from a narrow angle.

Forest might have had eight had Pressman not made three superb saves, from Stone, Phillips and Cooper, and seen a wonderful shot from Roy hit the bar, all of which could not be explained by the loss of Walker and the disruption caused by players being away for the midweek internationals.

Wednesday clearly felt the effects of that but Forest did not and Clark made probably the most telling point when he said: "I think the players answered a question about themselves today. We had made a great start to the season and there had been a lot of nice things said about us, but we hadn't played for 11 days and the four lads who were away with the international teams only came back yesterday. If they were going to drop their attitude and level of application it would have been today but, if anything, they were even more determined."

NOTTINGHAM FOREST (4-4-2): M Crossley — D Lyttle, C Cooper, S Chettle, S Pearce — S Stone, D Phillips, L Bohinen, K Black — B Roy, S Collymore.
SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (4-4-1-1): K Pressman — P Atherton, A Pearce, C Coleman, I Nolan — D Pemberton (sub: Watson, 45min), J Sheridan (sub: G Bert-Williams, 87), G Hyde, K Ingesson — A Sinton — D Hirst.
Referee: P Don.

Liverpool still dogged by lack of consistency

Liverpool 0
West Ham United 0

BY ALYSON RUDD

LAST season, Liverpool resembled a red setter. This season they look more like a red setter. Sleek, graceful and beautiful one game. Liverpool are insecure, nervous and clumsy the next.

Owners of the breed will tell you that, no matter how well trained the dog, you cannot altogether control its mood swings. Roy Evans, the Liverpool manager, seems pretty resigned to his team's personality traits, too.

It was just one of those games when the passing was off. "I don't think we ever looked really sharp," Evans said, without ever looking really worried about it. However, if he wants Liverpool to be serious Premiership contenders, then he will have to get to grips with the problem.

Liverpool were held to a goalless draw by a weak, makeshift West Ham United side. Harry Redknapp, the West Ham manager, was forced to play a five-man midfield because he had precious little to choose from for a forward line and because he did not want Liverpool's three tight midfielders to run the game. "We couldn't play two in there against their three," Redknapp explained.

This is hardly the greatest tactical breakthrough in the history of the sport, but it worked. Liverpool were jostled into a series of forced and unforced errors. Jan Molby's long-pass connection rate dwindled to one in five, Jamie Redknapp's short-pass connection rate diminished to one in six and Steve McManaman's decent final ball after jinking past the defender rate almost plunged off the passometer.

Evans said that the disruption to his squad after the midweek international fixtures had not helped. But the man who probably had more reason than most to act jaded, John Barnes, looked for all the world as if he had never met Terry Venables, let alone spiced up an England performance. The New Barnes, as we now all know, tackles, blocks and defends on top of delivering the perfect pass. But, on Saturday, there were touches of the Old Barnes, too, as he danced through then sped past the West Ham defence. Barnes deserved more for his second-half 25-yard low strike than for it to hit the upright.

The happiest player at Anfield, however, had to be John Scales. As debuts go, a clean sheet is preferable, as in Tony Cottee's case, to being sent off for a vindictive tackle, or spending it on the bench, as was the fate of Phil Babb.

Evans felt it fairer all-round to leave the £3.75 million defender out of the starting line-up as Babb had only the day before returned from international duty in Latvia. Quite how the manager will juggle his central defenders, Babb, Scales and Neil Ruddock, remains, then, to be seen. Steve Nicol was dropped for Scales for this match as Evans continues to prove he is perfectly capable of changing personnel at the drop of a hat.

But, if Liverpool are to turn golden retriever and bring the trophies back to Anfield, then Evans will have to keep as stern an eye on all those players that he chooses to use.

LIVERPOOL (4-3-1-2): D James — R Jones, J Scales, N Ruddock, S Burrows — M Redknapp, J Molby, J Barnes — J McManaman — I Rush, P Fowler.
WEST HAM UNITED (4-5-1): L Miklosko — T Brown, S Potts, J Martin, N Rowland — M Rush, F Butler, M Allen, J Moncur, M Marsh — A Dicks.
Referee: P Danson.

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Jones sheds air of respectability

Keith Pike finds a new captain has brought little change on Wimbledon's troubled march

So the curtain has finally come down on the Crazy Gang, has it? The ogre, the mischievous camaraderie that enabled a club of few resources and even fewer friends to prosper among the elite, had been devoured not by authority or the wealthy without, but from within. Or so it seemed.

It took a couple of hours on Saturday for Wimbledon to banish any pretence of normality in completing a 2-1 victory over Leicester City. Where else would the club's owner take two pages in the matchday programme to launch an extraordinary tirade against his employees, or would the captain be sent off for fighting and then complain, straight-faced, that referees were not using common sense? The ghetto blaster at Selhurst Park, rented home of the itinerant, unloved Dons, was at full volume: "Still Crazy After All These Years".

Vinnie Jones remains the craziest of the crazies, his involvement here brief but spectacularly significant: 2.55, led team out; 2.58, tossed up; 3.13, lunged in late on Blake (booked); 3.34, exchanged punches with Lowe (sent off).

Jones had been made leader of the gang when the previous incumbent, Holdsworth, was stripped of the honour. He will keep the job, too, Joe Kinnear, the Wimbledon manager, said, despite the seventh sending-off of his career. "He was just so fired up," Kinnear said.

Holdsworth's crime had been to ask for a transfer, one for all becoming one for one, when Wimbledon, their business plan scuppered by Merton council's refusal of planning permission for their former home at Plough Lane, sold Fashanu, the team totem, and Scales, their best defender. Barton, another excellent prospect, was apparently unsettled, too. The gang was fragmenting, fast.

But if the writing was on the wall — again — for Sam Hammam, the Wimbledon owner knew where the blame lay. Money, he said on Saturday, was the root cause of the unrest. "It was why we had to sell John Scales — Liverpool had plenty of it, we needed it and John wanted more of it. And it's why a number of other players now want to jump ship, their loyalty blinded by the pound signs in their eyes.

"If you believe the blinkered media, we're due to be accorded the last rites. What a joke. I read the obituaries this week and, yes, I did nearly die — of laughter. Mind you, I wasn't laughing when Warren [Barton] and Dean [Holdsworth] said they also wanted to go. Thanks, boys. Great timing."

With one point from their first four FA Carling Premiership games, the last thing Leicester needed was to come up against a Wimbledon team out to restore its beastly reputation. That four of Jones's team-mates were also booked bore testimony to their commitment, yet how ironic that it should have been Brian Little's team that suffered most from Graham Poll's firm but exemplary interpretation of Fifa's edicts on foul play.

The score stood at 1-1 — Lowe giving Leicester the lead, Harford heading the equaliser — and the teams at an imperfect ten-ten once Lowe had been dismissed along with Jones. It remained game on until the 38th minute, when Carey was sent off for his second cautionable foul on Holdsworth. Nine versus ten was an unequal struggle, particularly after Willis had conceded an own goal on the stroke of half-time.

"You are now coaching players not to tackle, and when that goes out of the British game it is a tragedy," Kinnear lamented. "I have seen half a dozen games this week and I must have seen seven players sent off. God knows what will happen when the icy conditions come. We are going to run out of players." But not out of craziness, it seems.

WIMBLEDON (4-4-2): H Segers — W Barton, S Fitzgerald, A Reeves, A Kimble — N Ardley, V Jones, G Ellens (sub: P Fear, 78min), M Gayle — D Holdsworth (sub: A Clarke, 89), M Harford.
LEICESTER CITY (4-4-2): K Poole — S Grayson, J Willis, S Carey, N Lowe (sub: S Agnew, 62) — F Carr (sub: J Joachim, 73), M Draper, M Blake, L Philpot — D Lowe, I Roberts.
Referee: G Poll.


Jones reacts angrily after being shown the yellow card

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Hearts need new blood to turn wheel of fortune

HOW does a manager wheel and deal when his club is in a spin? The question grows ever more acute after Heart of Midlothian's 3-0 defeat by Rangers at Ibrox yesterday. After ten years in charge of Motherwell, Tommy McLean took up the post with the Edinburgh club this summer, partly because they offered a better salary. It is the only sign of means there has been at Tynecastle in recent times.

The club changed hands shortly before McLean's arrival, when Chris Robinson and Leslie Deans bought out Wallace Mercer for around £2 million. But, with an overdraft to be throttled and a new stand to be paid for, there are no funds left for new players.

Hearts are therefore in

KEVIN McCARRA



Scottish commentary

pained condition. They barely avoided relegation last season and, on the evidence to date, that is the only sort of excitement liable to be offered to patrons this season.

They are, it is often stated, the third biggest club in Scotland in terms of potential support. Their status, however, remains stubbornly hypothetical. No significant trophy has been stashed at Tynecastle since the League Cup of 1962-63.

Robinson may have assumed that other businessmen, accompanied by their personal fortunes, would flock to the aid of a new regime. So far, though, there do not appear to be many monied men who share his generous devotion to the club.

The principal chance for change now lies, curiously enough, in the off-loading of their best player, Alan McLaren. The Scotland defender is in the final year of his contract and would realise around £1.5 million. Celtic are already thought to have made an unsuccessful bid and Rangers, Tottenham Hotspur and Everton are interested.

The destination of any income from his transfer, however, remains open to conjecture. Should the bank choose to annex most of that money, McLean would find himself without a crucial figure and still lacking the cash to buy fresh talent. There will presumably have to be an agreement with the keepers of the overdraft before a sale could prove beneficial.

In the absence of significant developments, there are always rumours. Gossip particularly concerns Mercer, who, despite living in the south of France, retains an interest, verging on obsession, in the club's affairs. He was a guest of Rangers yesterday and even, it is said, watched the Hearts youth team last week.

This fuels the notion of a return to Tynecastle. The restoration of Mercer, however, would be profoundly irrelevant unless he was able to inject new capital. Altering the names on the notepaper does not amount to a transformation. Indeed, the course of treatment required to remedy the ills of a football club grows ever more costly.

Celtic's chief executive, Fergus McCann, is planning a £24 million stadium, but still provided the funds for the signing of Phil O'Donnell, from Motherwell, for a club record of £1.75 million. At least he appears to have got value for money since the 22-year-old's debut on Saturday saw him score both goals in Celtic's 2-1 win over Partick Thistle at Fir Hill.

With their victory over Hearts, though, Rangers ensured that they remain within a point of their great rivals. After three successive defeats at Ibrox, Walter Smith's side was understandably careworn during the 59 minutes that it took for Mark Hateley to score the first of his two goals from the penalty spot. Gordon Durie added a third.

In 1984, McLean became manager of Motherwell at a time when they were creaking under the weight of their debt and possessed virtually no assets. He left them this summer with a handsome ground and a fine team, but the thought of undertaking such work all over again must make him sigh.

Hearts are now at the foot of the table and the referee's benevolence in allowing the goalkeeper, Henry Smith, to stay on the field after bringing down Hateley for the penalty is as much good fortune as McLean has seen this season.



Shilton contemplates the problems his side is creating for him at Home Park. Photograph: Tim Cuff

Maestro muses over return to fray

Russell Kempson sees goalkeeping blunders add pressure to Shilton's lot at Plymouth

Reports of the demise of Peter Shilton OBE, the manager of Plymouth Argyle, may be premature; he signed a new two-year contract, after four months of deliberation, only 11 days ago. Dan McCauley, the wealthy Plymouth chairman, does not part with his money that easily, and deleting such a freshly penned signature could prove extremely costly.

McCauley's patience will be sorely tested, though, sooner rather than later, should Argyle's start to the season degenerate much further. After 1993-94 had given so much — third in the second division, losing semi-finalists in the play-offs, leading league goalscorers — it was not unreasonable to expect more of the same.

Wrong. How horribly wrong.

After the limp, 3-0 home defeat by Huddersfield Town on Saturday, Shilton's thoughts have already turned to damage limitation. With 25 goals having entered the wrong net in eight matches, he has little choice. The ship is listing — badly.

"We have to keep battling, there's no other option," he said. "That was about my first-choice team out there, but it's difficult to throw kids in and expect them to act like men. There's not much else we can do at the moment, yet we can't allow this to go on."

Sympathy, if not a solution, is on offer. McCall, Patterson, Dalton and Evans are unavailable because of long-term injuries. Bradshaw and Shaw have been drafted in on loan; Swan, a club record £300,000 signing from Port Vale, is playing more like an ugly duckling.

Consider also Castle, Plymouth's 23-goal midfield player of last season. He had decided the grass could be greener elsewhere, sought a move and was stripped of his captaincy before finally being persuaded home really was at Home Park. Too late. His arm-band had gone to ... Swan.

On Saturday, it rained intermittently. For Argyle, it poured. After Swan had trod water in the wake of Booth, allowing him a seventh-minute opener, Hodge decided he, too, would hand Huddersfield a gift wrapped in heaven.

Two minutes later, Plymouth's £10,000 signing from Rochdale produced a goalkeeping clearance that had £10,000 from Rochdale stamped all over it. Straight to Booth, chest the ball down, several paces forward — 2-0. A tragi-comedy of rapidly expanding proportions.

Yet wait, there is more. Shilton decided that Hodge was "shell-shocked", more by the error than by a half-time knee injection, and replaced him with Nicholls after the break. Though only 21, Nicholls has developed cult status down Devon way for his off-the-wall behaviour, and he did not disappoint the enraptured faithful.

A dodgy interception with his head, and a missed punch that connected with the pugnacious Bullock's face, enlivened the proceedings. Unfortunately, it was a 32-minute cameo only. Booth raced through, Nicholls mistimed his challenge ten yards outside the area — red card.

Castle accepted the jersey as Nicholls stalked off barechested, but could not prevent Booth, 21, from completing his hat-trick in stoppage time.

Shilton, 44, would not be drawn on whether he would consider a comeback — he has made 995 league appearances — yet the alternatives have almost run dry.

PLYMOUTH ARGYLE (4-4-2): M Hodge (sub: A Nicholls, 45min) — D Bradshaw, P Swan, A Comyn (sub: K Hill, 31), D Naylor — M Barlow, W Burnett, S Castle, C Twiddy — G Shaw, K Nugent.

HUDDERSFIELD TOWN (4-1-3-2): S Francis — C Billy, G Mitchell, P Scully, T Cowan — D Bullock (sub: J Dyson, 82) — S Baldry, R Logan, P Reid — I Dunn (sub: R Jepson, 89), A Booth.

Referee: J Holbrook.

Sunderland denied by Robson's battling qualities

Middlesbrough 2
Sunderland 2

By Peter Ball

MIDDLESBROUGH may lack their player-manager's class, but they do possess Bryan Robson's indomitable spirit. After being outplayed for long periods by Sunderland yesterday, they rallied determinedly to score two goals in two minutes in the final quarter and earn a draw in a fast and furious North-East derby.

The point leaves both teams unbeaten, with Middlesbrough, like Newcastle United in the Premiership, at the head of their league. For Sunderland, five draws in six games tells its own story and they will rue their failure to take full advantage after looking the sharper side.

Mick Buxton is a small fish beside Robson and Kevin Keegan, but the experienced Sunderland manager is quietly rebuilding his team effectively and they looked the more likely promotion candidates yesterday. With Ferguson the only midfield player to provide craft amid the hustle and bustle that brought seven bookings but little considered football, Sunderland created a series of good chances against an uncertain home defence.

Ferguson missed the first before sending Philip Gray through to hit a post with a fine first-time shot. Russell was to make no mistake when Goodman picked him out, beating Blackmore easily before shooting across Miller to give Sunderland a deserved first-half lead.

Middlesbrough reorganised at the interval, Hignett coming on to play behind the front two, but Sunderland continued to pose the greater threat and Russell scored a second goal when Middlesbrough's defence was left in disarray by Owers's cross. Owers was denied by Miller's save and when Moore ended Russell's run with an apparent trip the referee, Jim Rushton, ignored a strong claim for a penalty.

Sunderland's Achilles' heel has been an inability to cope with corners this season, and it was exposed in a dramatic final quarter when first Moore beat Norman with a rising drive and then Vickers headed the ball back for Pearson to force in the equaliser.

MIDDLESBROUGH (4-1-3-2): A Miller — N Cox, S Vickers, N Pearson, C Fleming — B Robson — C Blackmore (sub: C Hignett, 45min), J Pollock, A Moore — J Hendrie, P Wilkinson.

SUNDERLAND (4-4-2): A Norman — D Kubicki, K Ball, A Melville, R Ord — G Owers, B Atkinson (sub: S Cunnington, 43), D Ferguson, C Russell (sub: M Gray, 87) — D Goodman, P Gray.

Referee: J Rushton.

Fjortoft in lonely struggle to meet great expectations

Swindon Town 1
Derby County 1

By Russell Kempson

SWINDON Town regularly earned nine out of ten for entertainment value as they slid out of the FA Carling Premiership last season. They recorded only five wins and conceded 100 goals, but at least they tried — and played bright football — on their way into the abyss. It was just nice to be part of the Premiership party.

Now, in the Endsleigh Insurance League first division, it has all changed; great things are expected of them. When they failed to deliver, as they did at the County Ground yesterday, it is simply not good enough. Their supporters get itchy, voice their displeasure and slink off ito the Wiltshire countryside distinctly unamused.

John Gorman, the Swindon manager, did not entirely share their feelings: "I think it was a good result as Derby are bound to be towards the top come the end of the season," he said. "They always start slowly."

Defensively, nothing changes at Swindon. They are still ill at ease when pressured and, if Derby had finished with more finesse, they could have secured a welcome away victory to improve on a stuttering start to the season.

Lionel Pickering will only wait so much longer to see a return from his £12 million investment in the Derby team and Roy McFarland, their manager, who inherited most of the players from Arthur Cox, his predecessor, continues to live on borrowed time.

Apart from Kitson's delightful curling equaliser in the seventeenth minute, Derby's efforts on goal were woeful. Swindon, though, were not much better, despite a header from Thomson that slapped the crossbar and a frenzied late flurry. They relied too heavily on Fjortoft, the gangly Norway forward who nodded Swindon front in the fifteenth minute.

Fjortoft has now claimed five-sevenths of Swindon's league goal tally this season, pushing his side into fourth place. However, if expectations are to be fulfilled at the County Ground, he will need considerable assistance in the future.

SWINDON TOWN (4-1-3-2): F Digby — M Robinson, A Thomson, S Taylor, P Bodin — L Nijholt — J Beauchamp, M Ling, K Horlock (sub: L W O'Sullivan, 76min) — J-A Fjortoft, K Scott (sub: A Mutch, 76).

DERBY COUNTY (4-4-2): M Taylor — G Charles, C Short, P Williams, M Forsyth — L Carsley, G Cowans, S Hodge, M Pembridge — P Kitson, M Gabbiadini.

Referee: G Singh.

WEEKEND FOOTBALL RESULTS AND TABLES

FA Carling Premiership

A VILLA (1) 2 Staunton 15, Saunders 85 — IPSWICH (0) 0 — 22,241
BLACKBURN (2) 3 Shearer 17, 60 (pen), Wilcox 43 — EVERTON (0) 0 — 26,538
LIVERPOOL (0) 0 — WEST HAM (0) 0 — 30,907
MAN CITY (1) 1 Walsh 18 — C PALACE (1) 1 Dyer 31 — 19,971
NEWCASTLE (2) 4 Cole 7, 66, Fox 21, Lee 53 — CHELSEA (2) 2 Peacock 15, Furlong 27 — 34,435
NORWICH (0) 0 — ARSENAL (0) 0 — 17,768
NOTTM FOR (1) 4 Black 34, Bohinen 52, Pearce 63 (pen), Roy 84 — SHEFF WED (0) 1 Hyde 56 — 22,022
QPR (2) 2 Penrice 35, 37 — COVENTRY (1) 2 Cook 27, Dublin 84 — 11,398
WIMBLEDON (2) 2 Harford 29, Wallis 45 (og) — LEICESTER (1) 1 Lowe 25 — 7,683

Yesterday

LEEDS (1) 2 Wetherall 13, Deane 49 — MAN UTD (0) 1 Cantona 74 (pen) — 39,396

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
		HOME					AWAY					
1 Newcastle	5	3	0	0	13	3	2	0	0	6	2	15
2 Nottm For	5	2	1	0	6	2	2	0	0	3	1	13
3 Blackburn	5	3	0	0	10	0	0	2	0	3	1	11
4 Liverpool	4	1	1	0	3	0	2	0	0	8	1	10
5 Man Utd	5	2	0	0	5	0	1	1	1	3	3	10
6 Leeds	5	2	0	1	5	4	1	1	0	2	1	10
7 Chelsea	4	2	0	0	5	0	1	0	1	5	6	9
8 *Tottenham	4	1	0	1	2	2	2	0	0	7	4	9
9 Aston Villa	5	1	2	0	4	2	1	1	0	3	2	9
10 Man City	5	2	1	0	6	1	0	0	2	0	6	7
11 Norwich	5	1	2	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	2	6
12 Arsenal	5	1	1	0	3	0	0	1	2	0	4	5
13 QPR	5	1	1	1	6	6	0	1	1	1	3	5
14 Wimbledon	5	1	1	1	3	3	0	1	1	1	3	5
15 Sheff Wed	5	0	1	1	3	4	1	0	2	4	7	4
16 Ipswich	5	0	0	2	1	4	1	1	1	3	4	4
17 C Palace	5	0	0	2	2	8	0	3	0	2	2	3
18 Saton	4	0	1	1	1	3	0	1	1	2	6	2
19 West Ham	5	0	1	1	1	3	0	1	2	0	4	2
20 Coventry	5	0	1	1	1	2	0	1	2	2	10	2
21 Leicester	5	0	1	1	2	4	0	0	3	1	6	1
22 Everton	5	0	1	1	3	4	0	0	3	1	9	1

* pts to be deducted at the end of the season

Endsleigh Insurance League

First division

BARNSLEY (0) 0 — WATFORD (0) 0 — 4,251
BRISTOL C (1) 2 Bent 15, Scott 53 (pen) — NOTTS CO (1) 1 Jemson 45 — 6,670
GRIMSBY (0) 0 — CHARLTON (0) 1 Robson 58 — 3,970
LUTON (0) 0 — BURNLEY (1) 1 Robinson 44 — 6,911
MILLWALL (1) 2 Goodman 17, 57 — WEST BROM (1) 2 Taylor 10, 55 — 8,378
OLDHAM (1) 1 Richardson 41 — READING (1) 3 Lovell 30, 74, Osborn 54 — 8,412
PORTSMOUTH (0) 0 — PORT VALE (1) 2 Glover 44, Naylor 72 — 8,989
SHEFF UTD (1) 3 Veart 12, 50, Davison 89 — BOLTON (0) 1 McGinlay 70 — 14,116
STOKE (2) 4 Orlygsson 11, Edwards 14 (og), Dreyer 47, Biggins 52 — SOUTHEND (0) 1 Butler 57 (og) — 11,808
WOLVES (1) 2 Stewart 37, Emblen 52 — TRANMERE (0) 0 — 27,030

Yesterday

MIDDLESBROUGH (0) 2 Moore 79, Pearson 81 — SUNDERLAND (1) 2 Russell 38, 55 — 19,578
SWINDON (1) 1 Fjortoft 16 — DERBY (1) 1 Kitson 17 — 9,054

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
		HOME					AWAY					
1 Middlesbro	6	2	1	0	5	2	2	1	0	4	1	14
2 Reading	6	1	2	0	4	0	2	0	1	5	2	11
3 Wolves	5	3	0	0	5	0	0	2	1	3	4	11
4 Swindon	6	2	2	0	4	1	1	1	0	3	3	11
5 Port Vale	6	2	0	1	5	3	1	1	1	2	2	10
6 Oldham	6	2	0	1	5	5	1	0	2	4	5	9
7 Millwall	6	2	1	0	9	4	0	2	1	1	2	9
8 Charlton	6	1	2	0	6	5	1	1	1	4	6	9
9 Tranmere	6	3	0	0	9	5	0	0	3	1	6	9
10 Bristol C	6	1	2	0	2	1	1	1	1	5	4	8
11 Sunderland	6	0	3	0	4	4	1	2	0	3	2	8
12 Barnsley	6	1	1	1	2	3	1	1	1	4	4	8
13 Portsmouth	5	1	1	1	3	3	1	0	1	2	2	7
14 Sheff Utd	5	2	0	1	7	4	0	1	1	2	3	7
15 Bolton	6	2	0	1	5	2	0	1	2	2	4	7
16 Stoke	6	2	0	1	5	2	0	1	2	1	9	7
17 Grimsby	6	1	1	1	6	5	0	2	1	3	4	6
19 Luton	6	0	2	1	3	4	1	1	1	3	4	6
20 Watford	6	1	2	0	3	2	0	1	2	0	4	6
21 Derby	6	1	1	1	2	2	0	1	2	3	7	5
22 Burnley	6	0	2	1	2	3	0	1	2	0	5	5
23 Notts Co	6	0	1	2	2	5	1	0	2	5	5	4
34 Southend	6	1	0	2	2	4	0	1	2	4	9	4
25 West Brom	6	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	3	3	5	3

Second division

BLACKPOOL (0) 2 Brown 64, Ellis 73 (pen) — CARDIFF (1) 1 Richardson 3 — 4,189
CHESTER (0) 1 Page 60 — BRIGHTON (1) 2 Nogan 1, 59 — 2,063
L ORIENT (0) 1 West 67 — CAMBRIDGE (0) 1 Morah 48 — 3,699
OXFORD UTD (0) 1 Moody 47 (pen) — BIRMINGHAM (0) 1 Claridge 79 — 8,077
PETERBORO (1) 2 Morrison 36, Charlery 64 — HULL (1) 1 Peacock 25 — 5,044
PLYMOUTH (0) 0 — HUDDERSFIELD (2) 3 Booth 7, 9, 89 — 5,464
ROTHERHAM (0) 0 — BRISTOL R (3) 3 Miller 2, 34, Wilder 24 (og) — 2,596
STOCKPORT (0) 1 Francis 85 — BOURNEMOUTH (0) 0 — 4,054
SWANSEA (0) 0 — BRADFORD (0) 0 — 3,445
WREXHAM (0) 1 Owen 58 — CREWE (0) 0 — 6,399
WYCOMBE (1) 4 Evans 8, Garner 65, 69, Regis 84 — BRENTFORD (1) 3 Taylor 16, Stephenson 81, Cousins 89 (og) — 6,847
YORK (1) 3 Barnes 15, Pepper 48, Naylor 85 — SHREWSBURY (0) 0 — 3,196

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
		HOME					AWAY					
1 Crewe	6	3	0	0	9	5	2	0	1	7	3	15
2 Oxford Utd	6	2	1	0	5	1	2	1	0	8	4	14
3 Wrexham	6	3	0	0	5	1	1	2	0	4	2	14
4 Huddersfield	6	1	1	1	5	5	3	0	0	9	2	13
5 Bradford	6	2	0	1	4	3	2	1	0	9	2	13
6 Wycombe	6	1	1	0	7	3	2	0	1	3	2	13
7 Peterborough	6	1	1	1	3	6	2	1	0	8	2	11
8 Brighton	6	2	1	0	3	1	1	1	1	4	4	11
9 Stockport	6	2	0	1	5	2	1	1	1	7	7	10
10 Blackpool	6	2	0	1	5	6	1	1	1	5	5	10
11 Birmingham	6	2	0	1	5	3	1	1	1	4	3	10
12 Bristol R	6	1	2	0	5	3	1	2	0	3	0	10
13 Brentford	6	1	0	2	2	3	2	0	1	9	5	9
14 York	6	1	1	1	5	3	1	0	2	5	5	7
15 Cambridge	6	2	0	1	7	6	0	1	2	1	7	7
16 Swansea	6	1	2	0	3	1	1	0	2	6	4	7
17 Hull	6	2	0	1	4	2	0	1	2	2	7	7
18 Shrewsbury	6	0	3	0	7	7	1	0	2	5	5	6
19 L Orient	5	1	2	0	4	3	0	0	3	1	5	5
20 Rotherham	5	1	0	2	4	7	0	0	3	2	7	3
21 Cardiff	6	0	2	1	2	4	0	1	2	3	7	3
22 Plymouth	6	0	0	3	2	13	0	1	2	3	7	1
23 Chester	6	0	0	3	3	8	0	0	3	1	5	0
24 Bournemouth	6	0	0	3	2	9	0	0	3	0	7	0

Third division

BARNET (0) 0 — DONCASTER (0) 0 — 2,625
BURY (1) 2 Johnrose 44, Carter 58 — SCUNTHORPE (0) 0 — 2,540
CARLISLE (1) 1 Thomas 38 — EXETER (0) 0 — 6,213
CHESTRFIELD (0) 0 — WALSALL (0) 0 — 3,027
COLCHESTER (0) 1 Whitton 52 — HARTLEPOOL (0) 0 — 2,428
DARLINGTON (1) 2 Painter 9, Gaughan 89 — TORQUAY (1) 1 Trollope 14 — 2,161
FULHAM (0) 0 — PRESTON (0) 1 Trebble 88 — 5,001
GILLINGHAM (1) 3 Palmer 43, Ritchie 66, Baker 88 — SCARBORO (0) 1 Calvert 49 — 2,414
HEREFORD (1) 1 White 27 — WIGAN (0) 2 Rennie 55 (pen), Rimmer 89 — 2,771
LINCOLN (1) 3 Daley 39, West 66, Puttnam 88 — MANSFIELD (1) 2 Wilkinson 19, Noteman 72 — 2,575
NORTHAMPTON (1) 1 Trott 38 — ROCHDALE (0) 2 Reid 62, Thompson 66 — 3,052

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
		HOME					AWAY					
1 Carlisle	6	3	0	0	5	1	2	1	0	6	4	16
2 Torquay	6	2	1	0	5	3	2	0	1	5	4	15
3 Bury	6	2	1	0	4	1	2	0	0	6	0	13
4 Rochdale	6	2	0	1	6	4	2	1	0	4	2	13
5 Barnet	6	1	1	1	3	3	3	0	0	4	1	13
6 Doncaster	6	1	2	0	1	0	2	1	0	4	0	12
7 Preston	6	1	0	0	4	0	2	1	1	4	2	11
8 Darlington	6	1	1	0	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	11
9 Gillingham	6	1	1	1	3	2	1	1	1	3	3	8
10 Fulham	6	1	1	1	3	3	1	1	1	3	3	8
11 Scunthorpe	6	1	1	2	7	6	1	0	1	2	3	7
12 Chesterfield	6	0	1	2	0	2	2	0	1	6	6	7
13 Walsall	6	1	1	1	4	4	0	3	0	1	1	7
14 Lincoln	6	2	0	1	6	4	0	0	3	1	7	6
15 Mansfield	5	1	0	2	2	3	1	0	1	3	3	6
16 Scarboro	6	1	0	2	3	3	1	0	2	3	5	6
17 Exeter	6	2	0	1	4	4	0	0	3	0	5	6
18 Colchester	6	1	0	2	2	6	1	0	2	1	3	6
19 Hereford	6	0	1	1	1	5	1	0	1	4	4	4
20 Hartlepool	6	1	0	2	1	3	0	1	2	0	3	4
21 Wigan	6	0	0	3	3	8	1	0	2	3	5	3
22 Northampton	5	0	0	1	1	2	0	2	2	3	5	2

GM Vauxhall Conference

ALTRINCHAM (1) 2 France 2, Green 44 — KIDDERMINSTER (0) 0 — 1,007
BATH (0) 1 Birkby 83 — SOUTHPORT (1) 2 Haw 6, Comstive 90 — 7,745
BROMSGROVE (0) 2 Carter 51, Pearce 74 — STALYBRIDGE (0) 1 Edmonds 46 — 856
HALIFAX (0) 0 — FARNBOROUGH (0) 1 Terry 86 — 1,143
MACCLSFLD (1) 1 Askey 59 — KETTERING (0) 0 — 947
WOKING (0) 2 Hay 64, 75 — STAFFORD (1) 2 Williams 31, May 50 — 1,952
YEOVIL (1) 1 Wilson 5 — RUNCORN (0) 0 — 1,601

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
		HOME					AWAY					
1 Woking	7	2	1	1	9	7	3	0	0	5	2	16
2 Altrincham	7	2	0	2	9	6	3	0	0	10	4	15
3 Kettering	7	2	1	0	2	0	2	1	1	6	3	14
4 Bath	7	1	1	1	7	7	3	1	0	6	2	14
5 Farnborough	7	1	1	1	4	4	3	1	0	6	2	14
6 Northwich	6	2	1	0	9	1	1	2	0	4	3	12
7 Halifax	7	2	1	1	5	3	1	2	0	5	3	12
8 Macclesfield	7	2	2	0	6	3	1	1	1	4	5	12
9 Dover	6	1	2	0	4	2	2	0	1	6	4	11
10 Southport	7	2	0	1	10	5	1	1	2	3	5	10
11 Bromsgrove	7	2	2	0	6	4	0	1	2	5	8	9
12 Dag & Red	6	1	0	1	5	3	1	0	2	2	7	9
13 Telford	7	1	0	3	4	7	1	2	0	4	1	8
14 Stalybridge	7	1	1	1	3	5	1	1	2	7	6	8
15 Kidderminster	7	2	0	1	7	4	0	1	3	1	7	7
16 Gateshead	6	0	1	2	0	4	2	0	1	6	8	7
17 Yeovil	6	1	2	0	4	2	0	1	2	2	5	6
18 Merthyr	6	1	1	2	4	4	0	1	2	1	6	5
19 Stevenage	5	0	0	3	2	7	1	1	1	5	3	4
20 Runcorn	7	1	1	2	6	9	0	0	3	5	8	4
21 Welling	5	1	0	2	5	6	0	0	3	3	9	3
22 Stafford	7	0	0	3	1	7	0	1	3	4	11	1

FA CUP: Yesterday: Cinderford 3 Mangotsfield 2, Newport AFC 4 Melksham 1

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Slough 3 Sutton United 2. Third division: Clapton 1 Horsham 1; Harlow 0 Lewes 1; Kingsbury 1 Tring 0; Leighton 1 Bedford 2.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Witton 1 Marine 1. First division: Ashton United 5 Fleetwood 1; Bamber Bridge 8 Curzon Ashton 0

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Crawley 1 VS Rugby 0. Southern division: Witney 0 Clevedon 0. Midland division: Bilston 3 Stourbridge 0.

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Barry Town 1 Connah's Quay 1; Caersws 5 Mold 2; Conwy 1 Alan Lido 0; Cwmbran 1 Porthmadog 4; Ebbw Vale 2 Bangor City 2; Flint Town 8 Llanelli 0; Holywell 3 Ton Pentre 3; Llansantffraid 1 Inter Cardiff 3; Maesteg Park 1 Newtown 1; Rhyl 3 Aberystwyth 2

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Ashfield 1 Hucknall 1; Denaby 1 Thackley 1; Ossett Town 4 Liversedge 0; Pontefract Col 2 Armthorpe Welfare 1; Stocksbridge PS 2 Ossett Albion 5

TNT GOLD CUP: Ballyclare 0 Cliftonville 1; Ballymena 2 Bangor 0; Carrick 2 Crusaders 2; Coleraine 3 Distillery 1; Glentoran 3 Ards 1; Larne 1 Linfield 2; Omagh Town 0 Portadown 1.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Crediton 3 Calne 0; Liskeard 2 Odd Down 2

Bell's Scottish League

Premier division

DUNDEE UTD (1) 1 Ristic 5 — MOTHERWELL (0) 1 Kirk 58 — 7,440
HIBERNIAN (2) 2 O'Neill 1, Jackson 23 — ABERDEEN (1) 2 Dodds 33, Grant 74 — 9,709
KILMARNOCK (1) 1 Williamson 31 — FALKIRK (0) 1 Cadette 69 — 8,021
PARTICK (0) 1 Grant 73 — CELTIC (2) 2 O'Donnell 11, 43 — 14,883

Yesterday

RANGERS (0) 3 Durie 76, Hateley 59 (pen), 71 — HEARTS (0) 0 — 41,041

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
		HOME					AWAY					
1 Celtic	4	1	0	0	2	1	2	1	0	5	2	10
2 Rangers	4	2	0	1	5	3	1	0	0	2	0	9
3 Hibernian	4	1	2	0	7	2	1	0	0	1	0	8
4 Falkirk	4	1	1	0	2	2	0	2	0	3	3	6
5 Aberdeen	4	1	1	0	5	3	0	1	1	3	4	5
6 Motherwell	4	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	3	3	5
7 Dundee U	4	1	1	0	3	2	0	0	2	1	7	4
8 Partick	4	1	0	2	3	4	0	0	1	1	2	3
9 Kilmarnock	4	0	1	1	1	2	0	1	1	0	2	2
10 Hearts	4	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	2	2	7	1

First division

AIRDRIE (0) 0 — AYR (0) 0 — 1,100
CLYDEBANK (2) 5 Jack 19, Flannigan 38, 88, Sweeney 48, Grady 67 — DUNDEE (1) 2 Britton 1, 74 — 1 593
DUNFERMLINE (3) 4 McCathie 20, Petrie 35, 44, French 74 — HAMILTON (0) 0 — 4,029
ST JOHNSTONE (0) 1 O'Boyle 79 — ST MIRREN (1) 1 Gillies 43 — 3 957
STRANRAER (0) 0 — RAITH (0) 0 — 1,505

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
		HOME					AWAY					
1 Dunfermline	5	2	0	0	5	0	1	2	0	2	1	11
2 Dundee	5	2	1	0	6	2	1	0	1	3	5	10
3 Airdrie	5	0	3	0	0	0	1	1	0	7	3	7
4 Clydebank	5	2	0	1	7	3	0	1	1	2	2	7
5 St Johnstone	5	0	1	1	1	2	1	2	0	5	4	6
6 St Mirren	5	1	1	0	3	2	0	2	1	2	4	6
7 Hamilton	5	1	0	1	5	6	0	2	1	2	6	5
8 Raith	5	0	3	0	3	3	0	1	1	0	1	4
9 Stranraer	5	1	1	0	2	1	0	0	3	1	6	4
10 Ayr	5	0	2	1	5	6	0	1	1	1	2	3

Second division

BERWICK (0) 1 Banks 53 (pen) — DUMBARTON (0) 0 — 533
E FIFE (1) 2 Hunter 30, Dow 54 — CLYDE (0) 0 — 95
G MORTON (0) 2 McArthur 46, Alexander 65 — BRECHIN (0) 0 — 1,093
MEADOWBANK (0) 0 — QUEEN OF SOUTH (0) 1 McLaren 64 — 279
STENHOUSEMUIR (2) 3 Hutchinson 27, Steel 40, Christie 64 — STIRLING (0) 0 — 800

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
		HOME					AWAY					
1 Berwick	5	2	0	0	2	0	2	1	0	7	5	12
2 East Fife	5	1	1	0	3	1	2	1	0	4	1	11
3 Stenhsmuir	5	2	1	0	5	1	0	1	1	1	4	2
4 G Morton	5	1	1	0	3	1	1	0	2	2	4	7
5 Stirling	5	1	1	1	2	2	1	0	1	2	4	7
6 Meadwbnk	5	1	0	2	3	2	2	0	0	6	1	6
7 Queen of S	5	1	0	2	5	5	1	0	1	1	1	6
8 Dumbarton	5	1	0	1	2	2	0	1	2	2	6	4
9 Clyde	5	0	0	2	4	6	1	0	2	2	4	3
10 Brechin	5	0	1	2	3	8	0	1	1	1	2	2

Third division

ALLOA (2) 3 Lamont 9, McAnenay 41, 64 — ARBROATH (0) 1 Downie 73 — 473
CALEDONIAN T (1) 3 Bennet 27, 83, McKenzie 59 — FORFAR (1) 1 Heddle 6 — 1,700
E STIRLING (2) 4 Geraghty 29, 84, Lee 38, 58 (pen) — ALBION (0) 0 — 377
MONTROSE (0) 0 — ROSS CO (1) 2 Robertson 23, Duff 64 — 918
QUEEN'S PK (0) 0 — COWDENBEATH (0) 3 Yardley 53, 57, 76 — 559

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
		HOME					AWAY					
1 Caledonian	5	2	0	1	8	7	2	0	0	4	1	12
2 Forfar	5	2	0	0	4	2	2	0	1	4	4	12
3 Montrose	5	2	0	1	4	2	1	0	1	4	3	9
4 E Stirling	5	1	1	0	6	2	1	1	1	4	4	8
5 Ross Co	5	0	1	1	4	6	2	1	0	6	2	8
6 Alloa	5	1	0	1	4	4	1	1	1	9	6	7
7 Cowdenbth	5	1	1	1	7	5	1	0	1	3	2	7
8 Queen's Pk	5	1	0	2	3	6	1	1	0	5	1	7
9 Arbroath	5	0	1	1	1	2	0	0	3	5	14	1
10 Albion	5	0	0	3	2	9	0	0	2	1	6	0

FA CUP: First qualifying round: Cornard 0 Billericay 4; Cove 0 Andover 2; Crook 0 Blyth Spartans 2; Croydon 0 Metropolitan Police 0; Desborough 1 Chasetown 0; Dorchester 3 Lymington AFC 1; Dudley 0 Leek 1; Dunston Fed Brewery 2 Brandon 0; Emley 4 Oldham Town 1; Enfield 5 Hemel Hempstead 2; Fareham 1 Hungerford 2; Farsley Celtic 3 Whitley Bay 0; Feltham and Hounslow 1 Dagenham and Redbridge 3; Fisher 2 Kingstonian 4; Fleet 0 Newbury 1; Folkestone Invicta 1 Sittingbourne 0; Frickley Athletic 1 Skelmersdale 1; Glasshoughton Welfare 0 Worksop 6; Glastonbury 0 Barnstaple 3; Glossop North End 2 Eastwood Town 2; Gloucester City 3 Exmouth 0; Grantham 2 Burton Albion 4; Halesowen Harriers 3 Hinckley Athletic 3; Halesowen 2 Willenhall 1; Hallam 0 Hyde United 3; Hampton 1 Gravesend and Northfleet 1; Harefield 0 Hornchurch 2; Harrogate 4 Gretna 1; Havant 1 Bashley 1; Haverhill 1 Felixstowe 1; Herne Bay 1 Dulwich Hamlet 3; Heybridge Swifts 0 Gorleston 0; Hillingdon Borough 2 Southall 1; Ilkeston 2 Lancaster 2; Kempston 2 Wisbech 4; Kings Lynn 0 Halstead 1; Croydon Athletic 0 Carshalton Athletic 0; West Midlands Police 0 Gainsborough Trinity 0; Tamworth 1 Telford 1; Taunton 2 Weston-super-Mare 2; Thame 0 Wimborne 0; Tilbury 0 Staines 1; Tiverton 7 St Blazey 1; Tonbridge 3 Egham 1; Torrington 2 Weymouth 0; Tow Law 4 Pickering 0; Trowbridge 7 Minehead 0; Uxbridge 1 Dorking 1; Walton and Hersham 3 Wick 0; Waterlooville 1 Westbury 0; Wealdstone 0 Harrow 1; Welwyn Garden City 1 Ware 2; Wembley 4 Tunbridge Wells 1; West Auckland 0 Whitby 2; Whyteleafe 0 Dover 0; Windsor and Eton 0 Walling 1; Winterton 0 Sheffield 1; Witham 2 Wivenhoe 0; Wokingham 5 Bicester 0; Wootton Blue Cross 1 Edgware 2; Worthing 5 Horsham YMCA 3; Yate 0 Merthyr Tydfil 3; Alfreton 2 Guiseley 2; Armitage 2 Birkenhead 2; Arnold 1 Congleton 2; Ashford 5 Chatham 0; Atherstone 1 Boldmere St Michaels 1; Atherton LR 1 Belper 1; Aylesbury 3 Boreham Wood 1; Backwell 0 Elmore 6; Barking 3 Canvey Island 1; Barrow 4 Chester Le Street 1; Basingstoke 2 Newport (IOW) 4; Bedfont 0 Purfleet 3; Bideford 4 Saltash 0; Bishop Auckland 2 Harrogate Railway 0; Bishops Stortford 1 Braintree 1; Boldmere Swifts 2 Solihull Borough 3; Boston 1 Basildon 0; Boston 2 Harwich and Parkeston 0; Bridgnorth 1 Pershore 1; Brigg 0 Morecambe 4; Brockenhurst 2 Aldershot 1; Bromley 3 Bognor Regis 2; Brook House 0 Baldock 7; Burgess Hill 4 Banstead Athletic 3; Burnham 2 East Thurrock 0; Burscough 1 Horwich RMI 0; Caernarfon 2 Chorley 2; Canterbury 1 Peacehaven and Telscombe 2; Chadderton 1 Winsford 1; Chalfont St Peter 2 Collier Row 2; Chelmsford 1 Barton 0; Chesham 4 Concord 2; Clitheroe 1 Willington 2; Colwyn Bay 4 Flixton 0; Consett 1 Northallerton 1; Corby 0 Paget Rangers 5; Corinthian 1 Hastings 2; Leatherhead 1 Hayes 1; Leyton 1 St Albans 2; Diss 1 Sudbury 0; Lye 1 Moor Green 5; Maine Road 1 Heanor 0; Maltby Mw 0 Knowsley 4; Merstham 0 Margate 2; Molesey 2 Southwick 4; Mossley 2 Northwick Victoria 4; Murton 1 Guisborough 1; Newmarket 1 Hitchin 2; Northampton Spencer 1 Hednesford 4; Northwood 3 Erith and Belvedere 0; Paulton 2 Moreton 0; Pelsall Villa 0 Raunds 1; Poole 5 Ryde 1; Portfield 0 Tooting and Mitcham 3; Prescot 1 Nantwich 3; Radcliffe 1 North Ferriby 0; Ramsgate 0 Shoreham 0; Reddich 1 Westfields 1; Rocester 1 Stewarts and Lloyds 0; Romford 1 Grays Athletic 3; Rossendale 1 Matlock 2; Ruskin Manor 2 Ford 1; Saffron Walden 1 Stevenage 4; Salisbury 2 Worcester 0; Sandwell 1 Gresley 2; Seaham RS 2 Billingham Synthonia 2; Sheppey 0 Chertsey 1; South Shields 0 Netherfield 0; Spalding 0 Cambridge City 3; Spennymoor 4 Shildon 1; St Helens 0 Warrington 4; Stamford AFC 2 Tiptree 3; Stotfold 1 Yeading 3; Stourport 2 Stapenhill 1; Sudbury Wanderers 0 Hendon 1

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Cambridge United 2 Arsenal 1; Fulham 4 Millwall 1; Gillingham 0 Chelsea 4; Ipswich 1 Watford 2; Leyton Orient 0 QPR 0; Norwich 1 West Ham 5; Southend 0 Charlton 2; Tottenham 5 Portsmouth 0. Second division: Brentford 1 Swindon 3; Bristol Rovers 1 Crystal Palace 3; Colchester 1 Tottenham 6; Oxford United 1 Wycombe Wanderers 0; Reading 0 Luton 4; Southampton 1 Brighton 1; Wimbledon 9 Bournemouth 1

DUTCH LEAGUE: First division: Heerenveen 0 MVV Maastricht 4; Sparta Rotterdam 3 Twente Enschede 4; Dordrecht '90 0 RKC Waalwijk 1

FRENCH LEAGUE: Bordeaux 1 Lens 2; Caen 1 Auxerre 5; Le Havre 1 Monaco 0; Lille 1 Lyons 4; Nice 1 Bastia 2; Martigues 3 Nantes 3; Montpellier 1 Strasbourg 1; Paris Saint Germain 3 Metz 0; St Etienne 4 Sochaux 0. Leading positions (after 8 matches): 1 Nantes, 18 points; 2 Lyon, 17; 3, Cannes, 16

GERMAN CUP: 1860 Munich 1 Bayer Leverkusen 1 (aet; 1860 Munich win 4-1 on penalties); Schalke 3 Hamburg 2; Dynamo Dresden 1 Bayer Uerdingen 0; Eintracht Frankfurt 0 Wolfsburg 0 (aet; Wolfsburg win 4-3 on penalties); Fortuna Cologne 2 Bochum 1 (aet); Ulm 0 VfB Stuttgart 1; Vestenbergsgreuth 5 Homburg 1; Tennis Borussia Berlin 3 St Pauli 4; Stuttgart Kickers 4 Saarbrucken 0

ITALIAN LEAGUE: Cagliari 1 AC Milan 1; Cremonese 2 Napoli 0; Foggia 3 Brescia 1; Genoa 1 Fiorentina 1; Juventus 2 Bari 0; Lazio 3 Torino 0; Padova 0 Parma 3; Reggiana 0 Sampdoria 2

POOLS CHECK

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
1½	1½	2	3	1½	2	1½	2½	1½	2	1½	1½	1½	2½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	3	1½	1½	1½	1½	2	1½	1½	1½

30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58
2	1½	1½	2	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	2½	1½	3	2½	3	1½	2	2	1½	1½	3	2	1½	1½	1½	1½

FORECAST: Telephone claims required for 22 and 22½pts. Dividend forecast is very good with five jackpot draws, four score draws and eight no-score draws.

Sale's drive bodes well for security in future

Sale 19
Harlequins 20

BY DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THOSE of us who have tipped Sale for the single relegation spot in the first division of the Courage Clubs Championship this season left Heywood Road on Saturday looking deeply reflective. True, they lost, but the manner of their losing suggests the ability to do more than survive.

It is important they do, primarily for the club's development plans but also as a reminder that league rugby does not have to be an arid desert, bereft of adventure. The leading proviso could lie in the British climate: "If Sale get dry grounds, they won't go down," Keith Richardson, the new Harlequins coach, said.

A wet winter could restrict Sale's high-risk passing game — the same sleight of hand between scrum half, stand-off half and No 8 paved the way for two of their three tries — but they have more basic ingredients for success. Their scrum looked stronger than Harlequins' during the second half and their lineout, even without the towering Irishman, McCartney, held its own against the taller London men.

Nor are they short of character (no side featuring Turner at stand-off is likely to be). Within half an hour they trailed by 20 points to a Harlequins side playing deft, clinical rugby, yet they came back to match try for try so that defeat by a goal, two tries and a penalty goal to two goals and a try left them desperately disappointed with themselves for taking so long to get into the match.

First-night nerves and a strong breeze into their faces contributed to the slow start; so have the demands of others (the North's tour to Africa and Ireland's development plans) which have affected squad preparation. Yet the sturdy quality of Smith, the tight-head prop, was apparent. He has already impressed the divisional selectors, and Fran Cotton, an authority with whom few will argue, speaks warmly of him. The industry of Diamond, the hooker, shone through, yet the player to make the most significant contribution was the one who jumped five divisions to be there, Charlie Vyvyan.

It is six years since Vyvyan won his second blue with Cambridge University and was regarded as a player of potential. Injury ruined that potential but he helped Wharfedale to promotion and Yorkshire to the county championship last season and, at 28, has been persuaded to resume first-class rugby; his rumbustious play at No 8 and his supplementary lineout work were vital to Sale.

Sale acknowledge that their attractive rugby will count for little if they do not begin to garner league points soon. Their plans for amalgamation with Broughton Park having fallen down, they hope to develop a new venue on their own during the next two years; success will give them a stronger hand in negotiation with the local authority and Saturday brought a crowd of more than 2,000, the like of which has not been seen there for many a day.

What of Harlequins? "We played like a dream for 20 minutes then played as though we were in one," Richardson said. He and Brian Moore, the club captain, have sworn to eradicate such lapses yet in the end Moore owed victory to Bray, emerging from retirement to fill the vacancy at full back, who kicked the goals that Challinor, in four attempts with the wind, could not.

Pears, the England player injured a week earlier in Ireland, is optimistic that his groin strain will not keep him out for longer than a fortnight and Mensah was a revelation in the centre. He comes from even further down than Vyvyan, a leap of eight divisions from Old Millhillians in the Hertfordshire/Middlesex league, yet looked not a whit abashed playing alongside the England captain.

SCORERS: Sale: Tries: Stocks, Ashurst, Vyvyan Conversions: Turner (2), Harlequins: Tries: O'Leary, Sheasby, Carling. Conversion: Bray Penalty goal: Bray.
SALE: J Mallinder, S Verbickas, J Bauandeli, G Stocks, K Young, P Turner, C Savenmutto, M Whitcombe, S Diamond, A Smith, D Ershine, D Baldwin, D O'Grady, N Ashurst, C Vyvyan
HARLEQUINS: K Bray, D O'Leary, W Carling, P Mensah, G Thompson; P Challinor, R Kitchin; J Leonard, B Moore, M Hooley, T Coker, A Snow, W Davison, M Pepper, C Sheasby Mensah replaced by R Glonister (79mm)
Referee: E Morrison (Bristol).


JAMES VELLACOTT
The cameraman catches the action at a lineout as Bath and Bristol are screened live in a league match for the first time on Saturday

Players fluff lines on opening day

Simon Barnes finds Bath and Bristol over-anxious at the Courage Clubs Championship's debut on live television

The best lacked all conviction, while the worst were full of passionate intensity. Read backs and forwards for best and worst if you prefer, but either way, it sums up every bad rugby union match you have ever seen.

It is always the way, is it not? When any game badly needs to woo the floating voter with a spectacle, you get something dire, something that irritates even the insider. This law holds good for cup finals at Lord's and Wembley, opening matches at the World Cup, and here, at this new dawn for rugby union, when league matches were televised live for the first time.

Sky obviously wanted a spectacle: a tabasco-laden exoticism of hot excitement. Instead, rugby served up its traditional meal of baked potato with mashed potato filling, as Bath beat Bristol 18-9 at the Recreation Ground.

One might wonder, on a day when pleasing the indifferent multitudes was all-important, why it was that both sides played in dark blue shorts and blue and white hooped shirts. Or why Bath had no No 13 (traditional superstition) and two No 14s (traditional cock-up). And Bristol, of course, had as usual letters instead of numbers, which is always a good ploy for confusing the outsider.

In theory, the match was a corker. Bath, league rugby's unbroken dynasty of success, face a transitional season. Bristol, who have never beaten Bath in the league, fancy their chances. So go for it, lads ... but instead, on offer was one of those games when fear of error becomes fear of invention, and the game instantly sinks to rugby union's traditional lowest level of forwards trying to outmacho each other.

Pack versus pack, the game-within-a-game is, forwards tell you, the only way to win. But it can happen that the desperate desire for psychological dominance becomes the most colossal distraction from the main task of scoring points. That was certainly the way things worked out on Saturday.

The other game-within-a-game is pack versus referee. Now at least one of the following three is completely crazy: laws, forwards, referees. Brian Campsall, the referee on Saturday, was wired up for sound for the telly, and he put up a scene-stealer's performance. The final free kick and penalty count was 41 — an offence every two minutes.

Forty-one is a ludicrous total, and the balance, 25 to Bath, 16 to Bristol, points to poor discipline on the Bath side. Bristol, then, got plenty of possession from the referee, and more from the lineout, with the aid of a little lad named Shaw, 6ft 9in and 18st. Bristol came looking for an upset, and they came close to finding it. The match turned on a crucial failure of nerve at the end of the first half.

The two sides had swapped penalties. Bristol then set themselves up when the dashing full back, Hull, swept up beside his inventive scrum half, Bracken, at a set scrum at halfway, collected the ball and cut through the cover to within a stride of journey's end.

Bristol ended up with a penalty a couple of yards out. Seeing the advantage of dash and invention, they took a tap-penalty, and, with it, the most bovine of options. They fell right back into the machismo contest — "the boys wanna go for it" — and tried to go through rather than round the most powerful pack in the league. They were rebuffed effortlessly.

After another exchange of penalties in the second half, the referee, appropriately for such a match, scored the decisive try himself. He awarded a penalty try after Bath went for a pushover and Bracken heroically tried to shove the entire back row away from the ball by himself to concede the decisive score.

Bath seemed to get stronger as the match went on, which is to say that Bristol were not fit. Or, at least, not as fit. With Bristol flagging, well-beaten and playing catch-up, Bath eventually put together the only flowing move of the match with Swift, involved twice, and Catt putting Lumsden over.

Bath have lost their coach, Jack Rowell, to England and their stand-off half, Barnes, to Sky Television. On Saturday's showing, they are still the team to beat. They retain that ancient art of inserting a wedge into the tiniest flaw in the opposition and tapping away at it until the game splits open. The Americans call it winning ugly. I don't know what Sky call it.

SCORERS: Bath: Tries: Lumsden, penalty try. Conversion: Catterall. Penalty goals: Catterall (2). Bristol: Penalty goals: Tainton (3).
BATH: J Catterall; A Swift, P de Glanville, A Lumsden, A Adebayo; M Catt, I Sanders; D Hilton, G Dawe, V Ubogu, A Robinson, A Reed, N Redman, J Hall, B Clarke
BRISTOL: P Hull; D John, M Denley, D Wring, G Sharpe; M Tainton, K Bracken; A Sharp, M Regan, D Hinkins, R Armstrong, S Shaw, A Blackmore, D Eves, I Peiten.
Referee: B Campsall (Yorkshire).

Bradford's success falls short of highest standard

Bradford Northern 48
Widnes 4

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

AGAINST opponents as woeful as Widnes, it would be unwise to place much store by Bradford Northern's return to the top of the Stones Bitter Championship after a nine-try demolition yesterday. They have five wins from five games, with a two-point lead of the first division, but any shift in the balance of rugby league power must be placed in the context of the awesomeness of Wigan's own destruction of Leeds last Friday.

That rattled every cage and set a standard beyond anything Wigan themselves have managed in the past couple of seasons. Bradford are good, but not that good, while the decline of Widnes just shows how fickle fortunes can be.

Jewels from their playing crown have been systematically plundered and the feeble remnants were tossed aside by an indulgent Bradford. David Myers, one of the most recent defectors from Naughton Park, did much of the taunting with three tries.

Summers, from stand-off half, had a field day, twice beating the sluggish Spruce in scoring in either half and priming the attack with some brilliantly incisive running. Dixon, too, impressed and easily broke the Widnes line.

In contrast to the early confusion between Hamer and Watson that led to the softest of tries by Hadley, Bradford did little wrong thereafter, not that they were especially troubled. Watson made good his error, dispatching Hall for two tries, who later returned the compliment that left Fox with a straightforward sixth goal.

The Widnes coach, Tony Myler, was famous in his playing for wonderful instinctiveness, but there are no such talents at his disposal in this side, and a game plan is needed fast. They face Wigan at Central Park next Sunday.

SCORERS: Bradford: Tries: Myers (2), Simpson, Hall (2), Fox, Watson. Goals: Fox (6). Widnes: Try: Hadley.
BRADFORD NORTHERN: D Watson, C Hall, D Fraser, P Newlove, (sub: J Donohue, 48min); D Myers; N Summers, D Fox; R Powell, P Hamwidth, J Hamer, P Dixon, E Bourneville, P Medley (sub: D Heron, 46).
WIDNES: S Spruce, J Green, K Hammond, D Wright, A Hadley; D Ruane, C Tyrer (sub: T Thornley, 53); A Ireland (sub: C Makin, 40), S McCurrie; L Hansen, A Collier, P Myler, R Hulme.
Referee: R Connolly.

☐ Castleford remain one of three undefeated sides after Graham Steadman, with two tries, assisted a 28-9 dismissal of Sheffield Eagles. Doncaster made it three wins with a 22-10 home victory against Wakefield Trinity.

Leicester tries break penalty sequence

Leicester 28
Northampton 15

BY GERALD DAVIES

TWO movements of expressive flourish, one in each half, provided the only moments of true clarity in an otherwise undistinguished match. They also served each of Leicester's wings with a try. Otherwise the game was defined by penalties as the other points were accumulated by the boots of Harris and Grayson.

There were 32 penalties, all told, with 16 chances at goal. Harris failed twice, Grayson three times. If Leicester tended to gravitate over the offside line in midfield, Northampton were guilty of not knowing quite where their bodies should be in their eagerness to get the ball on the floor after the tackle. And the referee was a stickler.

Referees, like players, need time to find their rhythm for the season. Perhaps in their edginess they are too ready to give a blast on the whistle. That a referee should need to explain his decision is fair enough. We are all in need of some edification. But overdoing it raises the suspicion that the referee is partly attempting to justify the decision as much to himself as to the player.

So, it turned out to be a kicking contest by and large. Had Grayson not hit the upright with his final opportunity, the visitors would have been within a goal of winning. The home team, because of more power and cohesion, especially in the back row, deserved to win, but not by this margin.

At any rate, the game failed to move in the way it had promised from the kick-off. A terrific run by Johnson and followed, typically, by Richards and then Cockerill charging off a maul, took Leicester deep into the visitor's territory, where Bayfield fell offside. This gave Harris his first goal after 40 seconds. Grayson equalised three minutes later and the stand-offs were to exchange a penalty each again before the first try.

A superb two-handed catch by Johnson in the front of the lineout near the halfway line initiated a period of driving play by his forwards. The Leicester lock was more certain of his ball once he was in the air than Bayfield was until late in the second half, when the Northampton lock came more into his own. Several mauls saw the ball finally emerge and Edwards's long pass in the centre gave Hackney the space to score. Grayson and Harris then exchanged a penalty each.

The routine remained unchanged after the interval. Harris kicked three penalties, Grayson two. But, if the game began in explosive fashion, so it ended. A swift run by Hackney on the right, with the forwards in close attendance, and the threequarters then did their bit with good timing to serve Tony Underwood with a marvellous try.

This was a reminder of the way that Leicester can play, although, I fancy, Ian McGeechan will have to impart a considerable amount of his knowledge if Northampton are to do the same.

SCORERS: Leicester: Tries: Hackney, Underwood. Penalty goals: Harris (6). Northampton: Penalty goals: Grayson (5).
LEICESTER: W Kilford, S Hackney, D Edwards, S Potter, T Underwood, J Hams, A Kardooni; G Rowntree, R Cockerill, D Garforth, J Wells, M Johnson, M Poole, P Drake-Lee, D Richards
NORTHAMPTON: I Hunter; H Thorneycroft, N Beal, R MacNaughton, C Moir, P Grayson, B Taylor; M Vollands, P Rowarth, C Allen, P Walton, N Edwards, M Bayfield, B Pountney, T Rodber.
Referee: A Spreadbury (Somerset).

Rampant Wasps mean business

Wasps 45
Gloucester 8

BY BRYAN STILES

HE CHARGED like a wounded buffalo, with three men clinging to him trying to bring him down as he sought glory. The crowd roared encouragement as Norman Hadley — all 6ft 7in and 20½ stone of him — tried to batter his way through a tormented Gloucester defence in the dying minutes of this one-sided game.

He was brought down well short of the try-line but it gave his followers a taste of what blood and thunder to expect whenever Hadley steps out for Wasps.

His charges — he had a few less spectacular ones earlier — are bound to feature largely as Wasps endeavour to present a much more powerful challenge for honours this season. This overwhelming victory in the opening Courage Clubs Championship match set down markers for the rest of the elite clubs that Wasps mean business this time.

Hadley, the Canadian World Cup captain who was making his league debut, brings a huge physical presence to the ruck, maul, scrum, loose and, more especially, the lineout. When Nick Popplewell, the Ireland and British Isles loose-head prop, arrives in November, the Wasps pack will frighten the life out of many teams.

On Saturday they faced a Gloucester team shorn of many of its talented players, and swept to victory by two goals, five tries and two penalty goals to a try and a penalty goal. Much of it was a delight to watch as forwards and backs combined well, with Rob Andrew pulling most of the strings from stand-off.

Andrew demonstrated his willingness to attack by dashing over for two tries to add to his two conversions and two penalty goals. John Ufton, making his debut at full back, collected a try to cap a fine display. He is the son of Derek Ufton, the England footballer and Kent cricketer, and clearly has inherited his father's athletic skills.

Despite the abundance of good things produced by Wasps, the talent of Damian Hopley stood out, too. He took a while to get the measure of the game but then he started turning useful attacks by the Wasps backs into try-scoring assaults. He displayed an ability to inject sudden pace and direction, putting the Gloucester defence out of its stride. He collected a try as a reward and seems destined for many more if Wasps adhere to their attacking policy.

Rob Smith, their coach, knows there will be games when the opposition will demand a different approach, but feels his squad is well equipped to switch tactics when needed. Gloucester breached their defence only once, when Morris went over in the corner.

SCORERS: Wasps: Tries: Ufton, Dallaglio, Andrew (2), Childs, Hopley, Greenstock. Conversions: Andrew (2). Penalty goals: Andrew (2). Gloucester: Try: Morris. Penalty goal: Mapletoft.
WASPS: J Ufton; S Hunter, S Dallaglio, D Hopley; N Greenstock; R Andrew, S Bates; G Hollwell, K Dunn, I Dunston, L Dallaglio, M Greenwood, N Hadley, C Williams, D Ryan.
GLOUCESTER: M Mapletoft; P Hollwell, S Morris, B Nielsen, M Nicholson; T Smith, B Fenley, P Jones; J Hawker, A Deacon, P Glanville, D Sims, R West, I Smith, M Nicholls. Nicholls replaced by S Devereux (67min)
Referee: J Pearson (Durham).


Andrew: pulled strings

West Hartlepool toil without recompense

West Hartlepool 17
Orrell 19

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

JUDGMENT on another possible sporting coming in the North East is perhaps best reserved, at least until the arrival of the cavalry at West Hartlepool. Brierton Lane sported a carpeted press-box, pot plants and a row of prefabricated hospitality boxes. "Good packaging," said a disgruntled occupant. "Shame about the game."

This was a slog for the West Hartlepool foot soldiers and far worse battles lie ahead. Rob Wainwright, the Scotland flanker, is eligible in three weeks, and Derrick Patterson, the Scottish reserve scrum half, comes into the frame for the home game against Wasps on September 24.

Barry Taylor, their new Australian coach, has raised levels of commitment and fitness but Saturday was a measure of the toil they can expect in the Courage Clubs Championship first division.

When they abandoned caution, West found reward in a try by Evans on the right wing that exposed Orrell's vulnerability down the narrow side. The try by Wynn, as Morris and Ainsough combined to prise open a gap immediately after the restart, demonstrated that Orrell, too, should remove their blinkers more often. A reconstructed pack did a fair containment job, but there are more penetrable strengths among the threequarter line these days.

Otherwise, it was a dreary, error-laden affair and refereed with far too much attention to the rule book and no care whatever to spectacle. In a match of 40 penalties, goal-kicking dictated most of the scoring pace, until Oliphant dragged a last desperate effort in the final minute across the face of the posts. Justice to Orrell was just about done.

SCORERS: West Hartlepool: Try: Evans. Penalty goals: Oliphant (4). Orrell: Try: Wynn. Conversion: Ainsough. Penalty goals: Ainsough 2; Langford.
WEST HARTLEPOOL: K Oliphant, G Evans, A Elwin, P Hodder, D Cooke, J Stabler, J Wrigley, P Lancaster, S Mitchell, P New, D Mitchell, J Dixon, P Wainwright, A Brown, M Watson
ORRELL: S Langford, J Naylor, P Johnson, I Wynn, A Healey, G Ainsough, D Morris, J Russell, T Redmond, P Winstanley, S Marrey, C Brierley, C Cooper, S Bibby, D Cleary
Referee: S Piercy (Yorkshire).

WEEKEND RUGBY UNION RESULTS

Courage Clubs Championship

First division

Bath	18	Bristol	9
Bath: Tries: Lumsden penalty try. Conv: Catterall. Pens: Catterall 3. Bristol: Pens: Tainton 3			
Leicester	28	Northampton	15
Leicester: Try: Hackney, T Underwood. Pens: Harris 6. Northampton: Pens: Grayson 5			
Sale	19	Harlequins	20
Sale: Tries: Ashurst, Stocks. Conv: Turner 2. Harlequins: Tries: Carling, O'Leary, Thompson. Con: Bray. Pen: Bray			
Wasps	45	Gloucester	8
Wasps: Tries: Andrew 2, Childs, Dallaglio, Greenstock, D Hopley, Ufton. Conv: Andrew 2. Pens: Andrew 2. Gloucester: Try: Morris. Pen: Mapletoft			
W Hartlepool	17	Orrell	19
West Hartlepool: Try: G Evans. Pens: Oliphant 4. Orrell: Try: Wynn. Con: Ainsough. Pens: Ainsough 3, Langford			

Second division

Coventry	14	Wakefield	15
Coventry: Try: Douglas. Pens: Angell 3. Wakefield: Tries: Morley 2. Con: Hodson. Pen: Jackson			
Fylde	33	Nottingham	14
Fylde: Tries: Barclay 2, Ashton, Smith. Cons: Parker 2. Pens: Parker 3. Dropped goal: Barclay. Nottingham: Try: Bygrave. Pens: Gallagher 3			
L Irish	25	L Scottish	13
London Irish: Try: Walsh. Con: Corcoran. Pens: Corcoran 6. London Scottish: Try: Troup. Con: Walker. Pens: Warner 2			
Moseley	9	Saracens	11
Moseley: Pens: Kerr 3. Saracens: Try: Harries. Pen: Tunnicliffe. Dropped goal: Lee			
Waterloo	18	Newcastle G	13
Waterloo: Pens: Saunders 6. Newcastle Gosforth: Try: Corry. Con: Mason. Pens: Mason 2			

Third division

Clifton	19	Otley	13
Morley	6	Exeter	13
Richmond	13	Harrogate	8
Rossiyn Pk	14	Blackheath	13
Rugby	55	Bedford	8

Fourth division

Aspatria	11	Leeds	22
Havant	23	Redruth	16
Liverpool St H	30	Broughton Pk	3
Reading	27	Plymouth	17
Rotherham	53	Askeans	9

Pilkington Cup

First round

Aspatria	9	Lydney	28
Aylesbury	10	High Wycombe	36
Clarendon	23	Old Colfonians	15
Ealing	7	Basingstoke	36
Esher	11	Bridgwater	0
Harlow	10	Sudbury	6
Hereford	14	Rumford	6
Launceston	3	Banbury	3
Leicester OB	33	Stockton	12
Lydney	30	Gloucester OB	15
Loughborough St	11	Wimmington Pk	43
Maidenhead	3	Horsham	9
Moseley	27	Okehampton	23
Old Alleynians	3	Barking	22
Old Cleveland	5	Camp Hill	13
Preston G	31	Stockwood Pk	7
Rugby	23	Ipswich	3
Sandal	18	Wigton	3
Sheffield	27	Kendal	21
Shelford	11	Birmingham	5
Stewarts Mel	16	Tabard	36
Southend	3	Met Police	31
Stourbridge	15	New Brighton	10
Tynedale	26	Barkers Butts	21
Walcot	26	Stafford	8
West Park	34	Old Crossleyans	5
Weston-s-Mare	19	Berry Hill	3
Wharfedale	25	Stone	11

McEwan's League

First division

Edinburgh Ac	9	Dundee HSFP	9
Edinburgh Academicals: Pens: Shepherd 3. Dropped goal: Shepherd. Dundee HSFP: Pens: Johnston 3			
Glasgow HK	35	Boroughmuir	16
Glasgow High Kelvinside: Tries: Glasgow, Mackie, Lyle, McKerron, Peterson. Con: Pens: Hunter 3. Boroughmuir: Try: McGuinness. Con: Easson. Pens: Easson 3			
Hawick	13	Heriot's FP	21
Hawick: Tries: Hughes, Suddon. Pen: Weir. Heriot's FP: Tries: Gemmell 2. Con: Glasgow. Pens: Glasgow 3			
Melrose	22	Currie	9
Melrose: Try: G Parker. Con: G Parker. Pens: S Parker 4. Dropped goal: Oliphant. Currie: Pens: Donaldson 2. Dropped goal: Donaldson			

Stewarts Mel	21	Gala	22
Stewarts Mel FP: Tries: Pollock, Rigby, Wylie. Pens: Wylie 2. Gala: Tries: Corcoran, Hogg. Pens: Dods 4			
Stirling Co	17	W of Scotland	9
Stirling County: Try: Brough. Pens: M McKenzie 4. West of Scotland: Pens: Barrett 3			
Watsonians	37	Jed-Forest	18
Watsonians: Tries: G Hastings, S Hastings, F Henderson, Hodge, Easton. Cons: G Hastings 3. Pen: G Hastings. Dropped goal: Hodge. Jed-Forest: Tries: Kilpatrick 2, McKerrow. Pen C Richards.			

Second division

Biggar	18	Kelso	22
Edinburgh W	30	Wigtownshire	15
Glasgow Ac	17	Corstorphine	0
Gordonians	23	Haddington	22
Grangemouth	20	Peebles	6
Musselburgh	18	Kirkcaldy	20
Selkirk	33	Preston Lodge	18

Heineken League

Second division

Penarth	12	Ebbw Vale	17
Tenby Utd	18	Llandovery	8

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Aberavon	3	3	0	0	76	28	6
Ebbw Vale	3	2	1	0	55	39	5
Abertillery	3	2	0	1	80	51	4
S Wales Pol	3	1	0	1	50	60	4
Narberth	3	1	0	1	61	54	4
Cross Keys	3	2	0	1	49	46	4
Maesteg	3	1	1	1	62	56	3
Bonymaen	3	1	0	2	56	68	2
Tenby Utd	3	1	0	2	36	49	2
Penarth	3	1	0	2	36	62	2
Llanharan	3	0	0	3	38	62	0
Llandovery	3	0	0	3	29	54	0

THIRD DIVISION: Aberavon: Clums 8. Pontypool United 8, Blackwood 6, Glamorgan Wanderers 16, Bush Wells 0, Ystradgynlais 19, Llandaff Ath 34, Tondu 6, Tredegar 19 Caerphilly 23.

Club matches

Bridgend	23	S Wales Pol	10
Cambridge Univ	19	Llanelli	40
Cardiff	29	Pontypool	16
Swansea	49	Aberavon	17
Treorchy	23	Maesteg	19

Cancelled: Neath v Narberth

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PROMS 1994: A lively Albert Hall crowd for the Last Night of the Proms and, right, Beethoven from the Pittsburgh Symphony on the penultimate night

A season for bananas to dance the hornpipe



At the Last Night of the Proms, an enthusiastic audience lets its hair down and its spirits rise

As long as the Proms continue to live, one more little bit of Jerusalem is surely being built in England's green and pleasant land. For year after year, not only the rumbustious last night but, before it, 67 consecutive summer evenings conjure hundreds of thousands of ears away from the deadening clatter of our latter-day *dark satanic mills*.

New music is created out of the generous annual *commissions* of this extended festival; the imagination of players and audiences re-creates what is old; and this year, of course, 100 years of the Henry Wood Promenade Concerts have been celebrated in one of the most eclectic and revelatory seasons ever. Just about the best-attended, too: Andrew Davis, ousting the poetic muse from his speech this year *in favour of a dutiful list of* statistics and acknowledgements, broke the news that attendances had averaged 86.4 per cent — the highest since records began.

Memory may be playing false, but the Prommers and their jovial master of ceremonies seemed more vocally sober this year. Davis himself grows more like a favourite, twinkling Edwardian uncle every year, and he inspired comparatively restrained repartee from arena and gallery. Apart from the battery of party poppers and the maniacal wail of flying balloons, there was rather more this year for the eye. The women of the BBC Symphony Chorus and BBC Singers vied with the balloons for the widest spectrum of colour, gaudy parrots thermalled on the warm, *moist air, and huge inflatable* bananas danced the hornpipe.

And, for a brief *triumphant* moment, the red, white and blue turned to scarlet and green. To the last strains of "See the Conquering Hero Comes", baritone Bryn Terfel swaggered on in rugby shirt, hugging a cuddly Welsh dragon and a rugby ball — and "Rule Britannia" took on a whole new meaning.

Sir Henry himself was further *celebrated this year in his own* orchestration of Bach's Toccata and Fugue in D minor, a huge, happy fairground carousel of a piece, making Stokowski's own Disney-adopted Fantasia seem almost austere by contrast. The BBC Symphony Orchestra also enjoyed Sir Henry's arrangement of Percy Grainger's *Handel in the Strand*.

The pitched percussion which dappled its surface had already been set in place for a fiercely dramatic performance of Walton's *Belshazzar's Feast*, and for the evening's party piece, Paul Creston's *Concertino for Marimba*. Evelyn Glennie played two movements of this wonderful fantasy with vibrant finesse. A rainbow beach ball twirled in the air; heads began to bob for Berlioz and his "Hungarian March"; and, for Michael Davis's violin solo in Massenet's Meditation from *Thaïs*, that eloquent Proms silence fell for the last time this year.

HILARY FINCH

Lorin Maazel is a fine orchestral disciplinarian, and under him the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra plays incisively and cleanly, often with a stunningly unanimous attack. But technical assurance is no guarantee of a performance's quality. In Beethoven's Ninth Symphony, Maazel manipulated tempo, balance and dynamics here, there and everywhere in order, it seemed, just to be different.

There was a host of details that *offended even this liberal ear, such* as the tasteless over-broadening of tempo at the end of the first movement and a finale that began without any sense of chaos — instead Maazel restrained the dynamics of the timpani and brass in favour of the doubled woodwinds, and the chorus's affectedly extended pause on the word "Gott" near the end of that movement. More generally, the scherzo was markedly blunt-toothed and the slow *movement directionless.*

The solo vocal quartet, not always singing with Maazel's beat (or for that matter with each other's various alternatives), was encouraged to blast out its final ensemble at an unsubtle fortissimo, with Nina Rautio's top B assuming an ugly loud dynamic.

Of her illustrious colleagues, the bass, Gregg Baker, was the most likeable, a giant man with a correspondingly giant but extremely attractive sound. His recitative singing was one highlight of the evening, although one could not take issue with Rautio, Linda Finnie or John Horton Murray, nor for that matter with the full-throated contributions of the Philharmonia Chorus.

This performance, a self-serving parody, was preceded by one of the same composer's Eighth Symphony, where again the Pittsburgh players' exactitude was as much in evidence as Maazel's inability to do anything with any subtlety. Even though he drastically reduced the numbers of the strings, their accents leapt across the auditorium like cannon-fire. For *this piece to* succeed a genuine charm and *affection is needed. Maazel did not* impart any such thing to his players. I dread to think what he might have done to Haydn

STEPHEN PETTITT

Rodney Milnes on the turmoil in the management of our opera companies

Musical board games

Just as we were hugging ourselves with smug self-satisfaction over the farce being played out on the steps of the Bastille Opéra — I mean, it couldn't happen *here*, could it? We would not get into the position where Jeremy Isaacs stood at the stage door of the Royal Opera House forbidding Bernard Haitink access to the theatre of which he was music director, would we? — *something happened to wipe the* smiles off our faces. It was announced that Ian Ritchie, general director of Opera North, a company whose 16-year success story is one of the jewels in our operatic crown, was resigning his post after barely a year in office.

Also last week, a disgruntled Matthew Epstein left Welsh National Opera, after serving only three years of his five-year contract as general director. To lose one general *director in a week may be* regarded as a misfortune, but to lose two . . .

Epstein and Ritchie were part of a general game of musical chairs in artistic administration here. Brian McMaster left WNO for the Edinburgh Festival; Epstein succeeded him. Jeremy Isaacs, having got his feet under the desk, snaffled Nicholas Payne (ex-WNO) from Opera North to run the operatic side of Covent Garden; Payne was succeeded by Ritchie. Peter Jonas was head-hunted by the Bavarian State Opera; his place as general director of English National Opera went to Dennis Marks, like Isaacs a television man. The succession of Richard Jarman as head of Scottish Opera followed bloodletting in Glasgow.

There was a certain surprise when Epstein was appointed to WNO in 1991. He was American; he was an international high-flyer, a big-time *artists' manager. He* answered, rightly, that WNO was a company with an international reputation, and that as a singers' man he could bring a fresh perspective to their work. He has the season just past, the first for which he could take responsibility, has seen a string of successes, with some fine new singers, careful nurturing of young Welsh artists, and no diminution of the theatrical zing for which WNO was famous.

He makes no secret of his reasons for leaving. He says Britain has the best operatic culture in the world, which is why he wanted to work here. He knew when he came that, as an outsider, he lacked the political and personal contacts necessary for raising sponsorship, and tried (unsuccessfully) to get it written into his contract that the WNO board would share responsibility for this. He saw public funding steadily falling, and grew ever more depressed as the resulting high seat prices steadily reduced his audiences.

Last year he organised a joint general-directors' document to be circulated privately to the Great and the Good warning of the dangers of penny-pinching, of which nobody took any notice. "I saw that what I had planned so carefully up to 1996 was going to be destroyed, that the excellent WNO machine was under attack." The crunch came when he had to make five redundancies, one of them an employee who had been with the company for 22 years. "That made my decision for me. That was precisely what I hadn't come here to do, to see something that I believed in being steadily taken apart."

As an American, he is not unsympathetic to private *funding — there is virtually no* state money for opera in America — *but he is bewil*dered by the Government's unwillingness to create the tax advantages that help make the system work across the Atlantic. He is more than bewildered that what the British are best at — concerts, theatre, opera, culture in general — and what attracts millions of tourists here should be cut back. And he has gone.

The reasons for Ritchie's *surprise departure after so* short a time are harder to fathom — he refuses to talk to the press — and one can only speculate. Again, his appointment was something of a surprise: he had little direct operatic experience, having risen to fame as managing director of the Scottish Chamber Orchestra, with a bias towards new music. It has been suggested that he, too, grew depressed at having to spend his days totting up *figures and devising cuts rath*er than making bright artistic *ideas flesh, and that if he had* known the job was like being a bank clerk he would not have taken it. Maybe he was the right man for the wrong job, or vice versa. Then why, or how, was he appointed?

In Britain we sit half-way between Europe and America. Politics govern artistic activity in France and Italy. President *Mitterrand a stately pleasure* dome decreed, and thence *stem all the Bastille's prob*lems. The incoming right wing government removed Mitterrand's placeman Pierre Bergé as chief executive. There is nothing like a clean sweep, and Bergé's successor, Hugues Gall, decided to remove the music director Myung-Whun Chung, who, as the only successful employee of the Bastille, had acquired sweeping artistic powers.

In Italy opera house directors are openly political appointments, and there are some curious results. Earlier this year the Rome Opera's boss, Giampaolo Cresci, was ousted after municipal elections *amid investigations* by the National Audit Board and the threat of injunctions against anyone accusing him of extravagance (he made no secret of the fact that he did not know much about opera, but he knew a lot about carpets and fireworks). In Germany *Intendants* are appointed by states or municipalities: Peter Jonas is a civil servant, answerable directly to the Bavarian Minister of Culture. This does not protect him from *capricious mid-season cuts in* subsidy, but civic and state *pride ensures that he and his* peers are given sufficient money to do the job.

In America opera is virtually a private concern: boards of socially, financially and politically influential opera-lovers appoint general directors to deliver the goods. And the boards, as Epstein knows well, raise the money. One suspects *that this is the pattern which* people not a million miles *from Government circles* would like to see reproduced here. Yes, you see some very good opera in America, but you sometimes have to go through some pretty peculiar places to get to it, and it is not always a good idea to walk back to your hotel afterwards. Is that the sort of society we should emulate?

The self-perpetuating *boards who appoint* general directors here are neither politically motivated nor, it seems, financially influential, at least outside London. They do not raise the money, nor has it been their function to do so since the war. But following the breakdown of the bipartisan approach to arts funding over the *past 15 years, it may soon have* to be their function — if they *are going to keep the chief* executives they appoint, that is. And if there are going to be any chief executives left to appoint, or any opera left for them to execute. Who, in present conditions, would want the job?



Fighting the financial serpent: (from left) Peter Jonas, Jeremy Isaacs and Ian Ritchie

ROCK: Renewed and tonsorially restyled, Gun blaze away at the Astoria, WC2

Opening fire with a hair trigger

WHAT a difference a haircut makes. Having gone to ground for a couple of years, slimmed down to a four-piece and cast off their generic, long-haired image, Glaswegian rockers Gun have returned with a renewed sense of purpose. A shrewd if soulless version of Cameo's disco-funk anthem "Word Up" gave them their first major hit earlier this year, and its parent album, *Swagger*, has since scaled the Top Five.

Thanks to such recent successes, these veterans now find themselves being ranked alongside newcomers such as Terrorvision and Skin as one of the bright young hopes of British rock with pop-crossover appeal.

The problem which such bands must constantly strive to resolve is how to court the mainstream audience without losing a grip on their core musical values. Gun's new single, "Don't Say It's Over", is a case in point. Co-written by Bryan *Adams's former writing partner Jim* Vallance, it sounds uncomfortably *lightweight on disc.*

On stage, thankfully, they invested *it with considerably more clout, and* this was typical of a performance which exhibited surprising gravity and bite. Singer Mark Rankin, with *his bottle blond hair now a visual* trademark of the band, cut an *intriguing figure as he twitched and* jerked his way through a succession of weighty, medium-paced numbers, occasionally playing air drums.

With the Gizzi brothers, Dante and Giuliano on bass and guitar respectively, providing a dense, unforgiving mesh of sound, and drummer Mark Kerr knocking out an adequate beat, they moved into high *gear early on with the big, descend*ing sequence of "Welcome To The Real World", followed by the galloping riff of "Find My Way", easily the best song on the new album. Rankin's vocals were particularly impressive: a hard, bluesy tone, bent in the service of hitting the right notes, as opposed to trotting out a clichéd, heavy-rock roar.

Over the distance, however, their arrangements tended to be rather one-dimensional, with little light and shade and no stops or breathing spaces. And despite the inclusion of a quiet, country-influenced ballad, "The Only One", and Dante Gizzi's psuedo-rap encore "Something Worthwhile", there was a lack of variety — although no shortage of strong material — overall.

The pacing and structure of the set was nevertheless spot on, and as they romped through to a rafter-rattling finale of "Steal Your Fire", "Shame On You" and "Better Days", the trigger was well and truly pulled.

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Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, WC2 (071-240 1066/1911) Tonight, and Fri, 7.30pm

LET THERE BE LOVE: The ever-elegant Clarke Peters moves his recent *show at the Café Royal east for a brief* season. More than two dozen songs are dropped into the narrative tribute to Nat King Cole, including many of the favourite hits. If it is still as it was in February, expect a very moving and most entertaining show.
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Purcell Room, South Bank, SE1 (071-928 8800) Tonight, 7.30pm

TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

ELSEWHERE

BOLTON The Octagon's autumn season begins with Tennessee Williams's poignant memory play **The Glass Menagerie**. Mary Cunningham plays the mother determined to find a *gentleman caller for her shy daughter* (Catherine Cusack).
Octagon, Howell Croft South (0204 20661). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mat Oct 1, 2pm. Until Oct 1

NEWCASTLE A remarkable show of *works, considered to be some of Bonnard's best, is now on tour.* **Bonnard at Le Bosquet** contains works painted at his villa in the Côte d'Azur — some 80 paintings, watercolours and drawings in all — including *The Red Dress* and *Nude in the Bathtub*.
Laing Art Gallery, Higham Place (091-232 7734) Mon-Sat, 10am-5pm; Sun, 2pm-5pm. Until Oct 30

WOKING David Suchet continues a *brief tour of* **What a Performance**: *a* hilarious tribute to the great war-time comedian Sid Field. Highly acclaimed at its first performances at The Drum, Plymouth and due to hit the West End in early October.
New Victoria, Peacocks Arts Centre (0483 761144) Tonight-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed 2.30pm and Sat, 4pm.

BATH: Ian Talbot's deft, entertaining adaptation of the Tony Hatch/Anthony Drewe musical, **The Card**, opens a national tour this week. It spent the summer season at London's Open Air Theatre, Regent's Park. Some gooey glitches but Peter Duncan gives a disarmingly unspoilt performance. With Hayley Mills.
Theatre Royal, Sawclose (0225 448844) *Tomorrow and Wed*, 7.30pm. Thurs-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, Fri and Sat, 2.30pm.

LONDON GALLERIES

British Museum: New European Applied Arts Galleries (071-636 1555) ... **Courtauld**: French Impressionist and Post-Impressionist paintings (071-873 2526) **Design Museum**: Arne Jacobsen (071-403 6933) ... **National Portrait Gallery** Edwardian Women Photographers; Master Drawings from the NPG (071-306 0055) . **Royal Academy**: The Belgian Avant-Garde: 1880-1900 (071-439 7438) .. **Tate**: Turner's Holland *(071-887 8000)* . **V & A**: Kiitaj Print Retrospective; the Ironwork and Glass Galleries (071-938 8500)

BABIES *A new play from Jonathan Harvey, author of Beautiful Thing: adults find new love at a girl's 14th birthday party. Start of a season supported by an initiative with the National Theatre Studio*
Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071 730 1745) Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mat Sat, 3.30pm

STEVEN BERKOFF DOUBLEBILL The enlarged Riverside re-opens with two Berkoff premieres. *Sturm und Drang* gets rid of the 1980s decade of greed and *Brighton Beach Scumbags* rips into the British at play.
Riverside Studios, Crisp Road, Hammersmith, W6 (081-741 2255) Now previewing, 7.30pm, opens Sept 14.

☐ **THE CRYPTOGRAM** Final week for Lindsay Duncan and Eddie Izzard in Mamet's play about cryptic adult relationships, tantalising but it is really a studio play
Ambassadors, West Street, W1 (071-836 1171) Tonight-Fri, 8pm; Sat, 8.30pm; mats Wed, 3pm and Sat, 5pm

☐ **DESIGN FOR LIVING**: Clive Owen, Paul Rhys and Rachel Weisz in Coward's defence of the *ménage à trois*. The evening is a lot of fun though Sean Mathias trumpets the bisexuality where Coward only hinted.
Donmar Warehouse, Earlham Street, WC2 (071-369 1732) Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs and Sat, 3pm.

☐ **THE HOSTAGE** Brendan Behan's exuberant romp, black around the edges, written at a time (1958) when "the Troubles" could be staged as farce.
Barbican, Barbican Centre, EC2 (071-638 8891) *Now previewing*, 7.15pm.

☐ **MOOI STREET MOVES**. Excellent two-hander by South African Paul Slabolepszy. A streetwise black and an up-country white team and reject the craft of survival in urban Jo'burg. First production in a four-month season from Talawa.
Cochrane, Southampton Row, WC1 (071-242 7040). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm; *mat Sept 15, 2.30pm Final week.*

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London
■ House full, returns only
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■ **THE PICTURE OF DORIAN GRAY**: Opening night for Neil Bartlett's first production since becoming the Lyric's artistic director. Maria Aitken, Benedict Bates, Bette Bourne and Tim Pigott-Smith head a strong cast, complete with an on-stage seven-piece chamber orchestra. Set partly in the 1920s, among survivors of Wilde's circle
Lyric, King St, Hammersmith, W6 (081-741 2311). Tonight, 7pm; until Oct 15

◪ **THE PLAYBOY OF THE WESTERN WORLD**: Thrilling performance by Aisling O'Sullivan in Lynne Parker's strong, tough and vivid *production of Synge's comic masterpiece*
Almeida, Almeida Street, N1 (071 359 4404). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. Until Oct 15.

☐ **THE SEAGULL**: Judi Dench rules the roost, heading a splendid cast in Pam Gems's new version. Performances cast new light on several other characters
National (*Olivier*), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight-Wed, 7.15pm; mat Tue, 2pm.

☐ **THE WINSLOW BOY**: Peter Berkworth, Simon Williams, Nyree Dawn Porter and Eve Matheson in Rattigan's *ever-popular drama of a man's fight to prove his son's innocence when the* Royal Naval College expels him for theft. Wyn Jones directs
Globe, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Thurs, *3pm and Sat, 4pm.*

LONG RUNNERS

◪ **Arcadia**: Haymarket (071-930 8800) ☐ **Blood Brothers**: Phoenix (071-867 1044) .. ☐ **Buddy**: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) ... ◪ **Cats**: New London (071-405 0072) ... ☐ **Copacabana**: Prince of Wales (071-839 5972) . ☐ **Crazy for You**: Prince Edward (071-734 8951) . ◪ **Dead Funny**: Vaudeville (071-836 9987) ... ◪ **Don't Dress for Dinner**: *Duchess* (071-494 5070) .. ◪ **Five Guys Named Moe**. Lyric (071-494 5045) . ◪ **Grease**: Dominion (071-416 6060) ☐ **An Inspector Calls**: Aldwych (071-836 6404) .. ☐ **Lady Windermere's Fan**, Albery (071-867 1115) .. ◪ **Les Misérables**: Palace (071-434 0909) ☐ **The Miracle Worker**: Wyndham's (071-867 1116) . ◪ **Miss Saigon**: Theatre Royal (071-494 5400) . ☐ **The Mousetrap**: St Martin's (071-836 1443) ■ **The Phantom of the Opera**: Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) ... ☐ **She Loves Me**. Savoy (071-836 8888) .. ◪ **Starlight Express**: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) ... ◪ **Sunset Boulevard**. Adelphi (071-344 0055) .. ☐ *The Woman in Black*: Fortune (071-836 2238)

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NEW RELEASES

◆ **COLOR OF NIGHT** (18): Tawdry, unpleasant erotic thriller, with Bruce Willis as a therapist dogged by a murderer. With Jane March
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **West End** (0426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

DARKNESS IN TALLINN: Mobsters plan to steal the gold reserves of newly independent Estonia. Ingenious and resonant thriller, from Finnish director Ilkka Jarvilaturi
ICA (071-930 3647)

◆ **MR JONES** (15) Contrived romantic drama about a manic depressive (Richard Gere) and his doctor (Lena Olin). Director, Mike Figgis.
MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **Odeons: Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **West End** (0426 915574)

WRESTLING ERNEST HEMINGWAY (12) Richard Harris and Robert Duvall as old-timers beached in Florida. *Tender but overstretched character* study, directed by Randa Haines.
MGMs: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

◆ **WYATT EARP** (12). Over-solemn and reverential epic with Kevin Costner as the lawman, and Dennis Quaid as Doc Holliday. Lawrence Kasdan directs.
MGM Baker Street (071-935 9772) **Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Notting Hill Coronet** (071-727 6705) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

CURRENT

◆ **BLOWN AWAY** (15) Crazed Irish bomber (Tommy Lee Jones) baits bomb squad ace Jeff Bridges. Nasty, talent-wasting trash directed by Stephen Hopkins.
MGMs: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Plaza** (0800 888997) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

THE GETAWAY (18) Alec Baldwin and Kim Basinger as thieves on the run. Strong, sexy remake of the 1972 thriller; director, Roger Donaldson.
MGM Panton Street (071-930 0631)

THE HUDSUCKER PROXY (PG): Hick becomes company boss. Ritzy comic pastiche from the Coen brothers, with Tim Robbins, Jennifer Jason Leigh and Paul Newman
MGMs: Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Gate** (071-727 4043) **Lumiere** (071-836 0691) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **Screen/Hill** (071-435 3366)

KIKA (18). A make-up artiste's life and loves. Misogynistic, dispiriting comedy-thriller from Pedro Almodóvar with Veronica Forqué and Victoria Abril.
MGM Swiss Centre (071-439 4470)

THE LAST SEDUCTION (18) Enjoyably amoral tale of sex, power and $700,000, with Linda Fiorentino as the femme fatale to end them all. Director, John Dahl
Curzon West End (071-439 4805) **Metro** (071-437 0757) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **Phoenix** (081-883 2233) **Screen/Green** (071-226 3520)

◆ **THE MASK** (PG). Strange mask turns mild bank employee into a wisecracking demon. Inventive vehicle for rubber-faced Jim Carrey, filled with the antic spirit of 1940s cartoons.
MGMs: Baker St (071-935 9772) **Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **Shaftesbury Ave** (071-836 6279) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **Plaza** (0800 888997) **UCI Whiteleys** (792 3332) **Warner** (437 4343)

◆ **MAVERICK** (PG): Mel Gibson as the TV Western conman. Disappointing summer fun, with Jodie Foster and James Garner. Director, Richard Donner.
MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

◆ **SIRENS** (15) Oxford curate and his wife mingle with Australia's bohemians. Joyful, luscious romp, with Hugh Grant, Tara Fitzgerald and Elle MacPherson. Directed by John Duigan.
MGMs: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **Piccadilly** (071-437 3561) **Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Odeon Mezzanine** (0426 915683) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

◆ **TRUE LIES** (15) Schwarzenegger saves the world from Middle East terrorists. But what about his marriage? Overblown fun with Jamie Lee Curtis.
Empire (0800 888911) **MGM Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

◆ **WHEN A MAN LOVES A WOMAN** (15). Serious, well-focused drama about alcohol abuse, detoxification and after. With Meg Ryan and Andy Garcia, director, Luis Mandoki
MGMs: Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Haymarket** (0426 915353) **Kensington** (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **Screen/Baker St** (071-935 2772) **UCI Whiteleys** (792 3332) **Warner** (437 4343)

THEATRE: **Benedict Nightingale** on a Shaw melodrama with extra energy, wit and wisdom

Devil with all the best tuning

Shaw wrote *The Devil's Disciple* for an actor called William Terriss, who specialised in blood-and-thunder romance, but Terriss's contribution to the play's history was to fall asleep and start to snore while Shaw was reading it to him. That may have been a short-term omen, for the piece was slow to win a place in the repertoire, but it was scarcely the long-term one. Anybody who drops off at the National must be deaf, narcoleptic or both, given the combined energies of Shaw's wit, Christopher Morahan's cast and Paddy Cunneen's scene-setting martial music.

The Devil's Disciple
Olivier

Shaw, especially the early Shaw, liked to take old dramatic forms and twist them into highly original shapes. *Arms and the Man*, for instance, is a Ruritanian romance that attacks the romanticisation of love and the Ruritanianism of war. Similarly, Shaw himself admitted that *The Devil's Disciple* was "stuffed with everything from the ragbag of melodrama". But who is saved from the gallows as that New England clock tolls the very last of its noonday chimes? *Not the likeable rogue of* theatrical tradition he seems to be at first, but the most self-denying of Shaw's secular saints.

But what Morahan's production demonstrates is Shaw's knavish ability to eat and keep his cake simultaneously. Whatever its moral pretensions, *The Devil's Disciple* remains terrific fun. Take the scene in which the self-professed diabolist, Dick Dudgeon, allows himself to be arrested by George III's soldiers in mistake for the Rev Anthony Anderson, the American patriot they want to hang. Could Scribe or Sardou or any of the hack playwrights Shaw despised have squeezed more surprise and pathos out of the situation? With Richard Bonneville's Dick affably donning the minister's coat, and Helen McCrory's Mrs Minister desperately shedding her pious prejudices as she watches, it certainly seems not.

John Gunter, who designs, rolls on small, low-ceiling rooms when he wants the vast Olivier stage to feel cramped or oppressive, and opens it to the wings for the great town-square scene at the end. Either way, the evening maintains the momentum an adventure story needs. Dudgeon's trial, which can be an excuse for the British commander to dispense Shavian sophistication, does not lack tension either. Thanks to Daniel Massey's fastidiously sardonic General Burgoyne, we are in no doubt that both Dudgeon and his English foes are in big trouble.

The play has even more *than Shaw's customary quota* of contradiction. Minister Anderson is at heart a military man and, as Paul Jesson plays him, one with quite a bellicose roar. Dick's God-fearing mother is a baleful old witch who, in Frances Cuka's performance, might just have arrived by broomstick from *Macbeth*. But it is Dick who is the greatest paradox, the character who, above all others, must finally lift the play above both melodrama and fun. How does Bonneville fare?

At times I thought him too genial and laid-back. He shows fear of death only after his reprieve, falling to his knees and shaking in mildly leaflike or coldbath mode. But in his unpretentious, unaffected way he does get across Shaw's point: "When it came to whether I would take my neck out of the noose and put another man's into it, I could not do it ... I have been brought up standing by the law of my own nature and I may not go against it." He is the true puritan; he, and not the whey-faced churchgoers all around.

DONALD COOPER



Richard Bonneville as Dick Dudgeon and Helen McCrory (Mrs Minister) get to grips

● *Apologies, by the by, to James Robson, whose* Mail Order Bride *became* Mail Order Bridge *in my autumn preview last week. Try fitting that into the marital bed!*

Kate Bassett sees Shakespeare in the North

Caesar in the wars, but a Night to remember

THE carcass of a great beast, a flayed bull, is strung up overhead. At ground level, the rows of seats surrounding the circular stage are draped in purple silk, like some parliament swathed for royal pomp or a tiered operating theatre, as awash with blood as an abattoir or arena for savage sport. Bearing down is a vast meteor, seemingly about to crash to earth.

In this not unimpressive but ultimately unriveting production of **Julius Caesar** at the Royal Exchange (director Robert Delamere, designer Rob Howell), Rome transgresses time and space. In their open, long-sleeved robes, Caesar and his treacherous retinue might be in biblical Judea or, slightly embarrassingly, in some futuristic civilisation (conceived in the 1970s). Mark Antony (strong Danny Sapani) acquires a Napoleonic cloak. His enemies, Cassius and Brutus, don commando gear with a soupçon of Anglo-Saxon warrior. Denys Hawthorne's acceptable Caesar, benign but with self-important moments, could be an archbishop soon to be butchered, or a pope — a man almost made God — if this is Italy.

This is a professionally achieved production with visual impact and sturdy acting. But by the final battle of Philippi I was vaguely willing Brutus to bite the bullet and put himself out of his misery. Lashings of incense-scented smoke, a tree bursting into flame, and an atmospheric sea of sound effects are not partnered by stimulating performances.

Everyone speaks, or shouts, urgently, without inspiring you to listen. Catherine White's intimately intense, shakily desperate Portia is an outstanding exception. Patrick O'Kane's bare-chested Brutus lacks spiritual stature and a distinguishing philosophical stance.

Julius Caesar
Manchester
A Midsummer Night's Dream
Oldham

The programme *notes stress the theme of carnival, and* how it tilts into aggression. However, this staging, Lupercal or no, lacks comic spirit. The actors take themselves seriously on an epic scale and miss the sneaking qualities of this civilisation of soldiers and politicians going to seed.

Robert Gwilym's Cassius, more righteously incensed than manipulatively vengeful, blurs with noble Brutus. Shakespeare is, with ironic acuteness, tuned into the tricks of politicians' rhetoric. Delamere's cast play it too sincerely.

IT HAS been rumoured that Northern Broadsides might be on the financial rocks. Barrie Rutter's bold-as-brass company does Shakespeare in their native accents, from Wigan, Leeds or Liverpool: a refreshingly far cry from received pronunciation. To see this troupe expire, a company with the flair to stage *Richard III* at the Tower of London, would be tragic.

Rutter admits he *has to "glean and scrape the pennies* together". But he avoids scaremongering, explaining that the Arts Council has provided the commissioning fee for a new Tony Harrison trilogy centring on Euripides's *Hercules*, and is considering funding its staging. "I'd be churlish if I wasn't upbeat," he says.

His production of **A Midsummer Night's Dream**, brought to life at Manor Mill, a disused cloth factory (with Shakespeare's lovers in calico shirts and cotton jumpers, clearly reinvesting in the trade), is a heartening and exhilarating event. The vast shop floor is empty but for one abandoned loom. The audience is ensconced in a snuggle of seats that marks off a concentrated performing space at the far end and creates a brilliantly exploited long entrance.

For a breath-snatching start, Theseus (Rutter) and his Hippolyta (a fiery Ishia Bennison) race each other the 100m up the aisle, between the steel columns which echo palatial Athens and later the wood. This Theseus from Hull's staunch support of Hermia's father, regarding women as a matter of ownership, has the patriarchal ring of *Rutherford and Son* about him.

Hippolyta, stomping off, is reincarnated in the realm outside the city as a spitting-mad Titania. Her matching fairies thunder around (excellent clog dancing and stave smashing from T.C. Howard) and sing their queen a raucous lullaby as she tries to get some shuteye on a rickety trolley. Oberon (Rutter) is a potential ass in a donkey jacket, with two feathers sticking out of his garlanded porkpie hat.

John Bramwell's Bottom is stolid but unstoppable, opinionated but innocent. He is effortlessly funny, whether bursting into melodrama between sips from his Thermos or — in an ass's head fashioned out of carpeting — dozily accepting din-making elfin servants (his workmates transmogrified) as a run-of-the-mill ordeal.

There are rough edges. Puck is a disappointment — Rutter, perhaps distracted by directing, is not fully absorbed in his roles and overpoints *his lines*.

But the lovers are furiously energised, notably the insanely enamoured Dickon Tyrrell (Lysander) and the mechanicals, including the gently camp joiner-turned painfully embarrassed Lion (Francis Lee), are lovably absurd and as authentic as I have seen.

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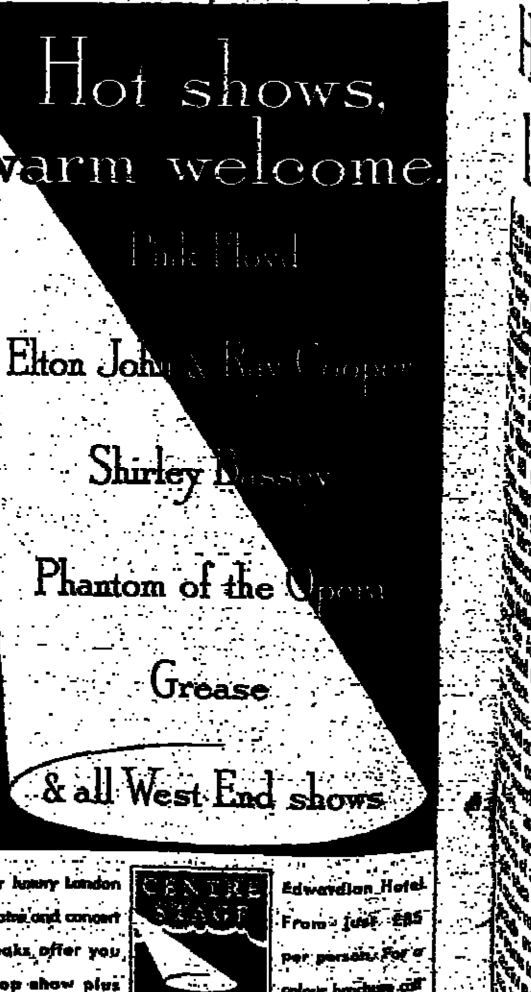
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AN INTIMATE HISTORY OF HUMANITY
By Theodore Zeldin
Sinclair-Stevenson, £20

As the century, and the millennium, come to an end, new forms of writing are beginning to emerge. Consider some of the chapter headings in Theodore Zeldin's remarkable study of humankind: "Why it has become increasingly difficult to destroy one's enemies"; "How people have freed themselves from fear of finding new fears"; "How humans have repeatedly lost hope, and how new encounters, and a new pair of spectacles, revive them"; "How even astrologers resist their destiny". This is a work of scholarship, but it is more than that. It is a narrative of private lives, but it extends much further; it is a universal history, but it has an extraordinary intimacy of tone.

The first chapter opens with the personal narrative of a French domestic servant; but then it expands into a discourse on slavery and an analysis of the problems of freedom. It is a book about patterns of desire and behaviour which persist through that continuum we choose to call history, and which we carry with us everywhere without any knowledge of doing so.

Zeldin is senior fellow of St Anthony's College, Oxford, but his subject is still so little understood that his book can hardly fall into any orthodox academic category. In one marvellous aside, he describes the medieval concept of time as that of a cloud which will one day clear. His is a study in which time is broken open to reveal the real world which lies beneath it, that real world of memory and inheritance which is all the more powerful for being obscured from sight.

The book shifts rapidly and continually from personal history to conceptual analysis, in a manner which unlocks those influences of the past. To follow the history of conversation, as Zeldin does, through Socrates, Renaissance court officials and Samuel Johnson into the present time is to uncover one of the more enduring aspects of human history which is ordinarily taken for granted and therefore very clumsily defined. "Everybody's style of speaking," he declares, "is a mixture of echoes dating from different epochs of the past..." There are other, equally convincing, themes — the history of loneliness, the aetiology of failure, the universal quest for origin, and a disquisition on the fact that "nobody foresaw the world shortage of respect".

In a sense this is a book made out of other books — there is a bibliography of suggested reading at the end of each chapter; but then, what good book is not? Zeldin has read very widely within various disciplines, and has therefore managed to provide an *intellectual tour d'horizon* on a grand scale. In some ways it reflects the type of discourse characteristic of French intellectuals, such as Foucault or Merleau-Ponty, but Zeldin is too much an observer and naturalist to be excessively influenced by their brand of fluent generalisation.

He stays closer to the ground of the world, and, in trying to understand the inflections of human behaviour,



Zeldin: millennial hopes

he is able to uncover the secret springs which lie within it. But *An Intimate History of Humanity* is also in tune with other speculations of our period. In an early chapter Zeldin remarks that "one may feel isolated in one's own town, but one has forebears all over the world" and then goes on to suggest that "you belong with those people with whom you sympathise, in whatever century they lived, in no matter what civilisation". This is very close to Rupert Sheldrake's speculations on the nature of "morphic resonance", and also has affinities with that element in contemporary English fiction which has redefined the nature of time. All these seem to be speaking the language of a new millennium.

Zeldin's is an interdisciplinary study in a quite new sense, therefore, since he is able to connect what are normally disparate phenomena to reveal something unfamiliar and surprising. In the chapter on loneliness, for example, he brings together monasticism and immunology, Hindu mythology and the fifth Duke of Portland. As a result he begins to see new shapes emerging through the processes of time.

One of his chapters is entitled "How new forms of love have been invented", where that elusive emotion, or sensation or quality, is seen to change its meaning in a variety of cultures. It is followed by a chapter entitled "Why there has been more progress in cooking than in sex" which provides a suggestive culinary drama, in which we learn that eroticism can be seen as a form of cookery and that a peasant in the Andes "can distinguish without difficulty between three hundred varieties of potato".

One of the keys to Zeldin's writing, in fact, is his rediscovery of forgotten objects or passions; he manages to retrieve that which was once considered unworthy of notice or study. That is why he is intrigued by the various social movements of the last 20 years, such as feminism and environmentalism, which have begun to exploit new forms of knowledge or information. But he goes further than the causes of the moment; he sees a politics based upon "wider imagination" as well as the evident failure of techniques of aggression or dominance.

He is interested, also, in the new role of "catalysts" or "intermediaries" who are replacing the conventional hierarchies of power: "There is a new way of looking at the world, as a series of minute interactions in the presence of others." The central point, however, is that "imaginations are beginning to work in a new way".

All the contexts are changing, then, and the recent questioning of scientific "truth" is only one example of the transformation which is taking place. Is it possible that in the next millennium orthodox concepts of time and space will be radically revised? That the universe, as it is supposed to exist, will turn out to have been the myth or dream of blinkered scientists? As Zeldin puts it, "it is becoming clear that the limits which science places on curiosity have increased in recent times".

Of course it is as yet impossible to discern the elements of this great alteration, and perhaps the least satisfactory part of the book lies in Zeldin's sometimes bland prognostications — "Exploring the mystery of other people's thoughts and feelings is the new spiritual quest", to be seen in the growth of compassion and the increasing equality of the sexes. It could be that the world will go another way, however. People may turn towards regionalism and tribalism when they discover how much they owe to the earth in which they were nurtured.

But this fine book is about "new affinities", as Zeldin completes his circumnavigation of the known and unknown worlds. It is also an optimistic work, based upon the assumption that "a new era in human relations" has now become possible: "The age of discovery has barely begun." So it seems, then, that the best is yet to come.



Trees are our roots: Roman hill fort, Somerset. Taken from Don McCullin's *Sleeping with Ghosts: A Life's Work in Photography* (Cape, £25)

In an English country wilderness

Simon Barnes

LANDLOCKED
In Pursuit of the Wild
By Richard Mabey
Sinclair-Stevenson, £18.99

THOSE bare Scottish hills, stark treeless and tough, with tough sheep and tougher shepherds: a tough landscape in a tough land: 'twas ever thus, and should always be the same.

This was part of my own education in landscape. The point is that these bare, ancestral hills were once forest: pine, aspen, rowan, birch, floored with heather and berry. There are a few places left where you can still find the remnants of the Great Wood of Scotland: the primeval landscape.

Where are the trees now? Gone for *smelting, for shipbuilding,* and a thousand other demands of human life. We are accustomed to think of landscape as a changeless part of the natural world: it is in fact an aspect of human culture and history.

Where does that leave us, in the dying years of the 20th century? "These days most human manipulation of features involves a deliberate ironing-out of local identity and diversity for the sake of commercial convenience. Forestry plantations, CAP cash-crops, new golf-courses, as characterless as international airports."

Richard Mabey has spent a lot of time exploring the links between landscape and culture, and this collection of essays considers further the human dimension of wilderness. Mabey is not merely a pessimist, a species-hating refugee from the land of the houyhnhnms, or a person whose spiritual home is the Pleistocene. The book is not so much about something not yet in a state of grace; to a farmer a waste of tillable land; to a capitalist a resource well past its cashing-in date." He touches on the challenge that woods throw to civilisation: how, even for the most benignly intentioned, there is a feeling that "our plans for the wood are better than its own".

Yet surely in this country trees are seen as a good thing? At least, in theory — in their right place — so long as they don't get out of control.

saving the world as saving the soul of landscape.

Mabey ponders, in particular, the conundrum of people and woods: "To a puritan, a wood is a barbarous offence,

A hundred yards from where I write, a silver birch grove was grubbed out "because it looked untidy"; a pair of poplars were denuded of greenery at the behest of a building society. "There may be less of a gap than we like to imagine between our own mixed feelings about trees and the pillaging of rain forests."

Quite. But it is a poor person who finds nothing but despair in nature, in landscape, in locality. We do, almost all of us, "cling to and can get comfort from the slightest shadows and echoes of the old spirit of place."

Behind my house, beyond the temporarily ruined poplars and the gone-forever silver birches, there are trees, and in them, last night, a deafening autumnal quarrel of tawny owls. Trees are part of life. More: they are our roots.

Better than it looks

Michael Arditti

THE ONE AND ONLY
By Francis King
Constable, £14.99

Rarely has the familiar injunction against judging a book by its cover seemed so pertinent as in the case of Francis King's new novel, where the jacket illustration of two half-naked men dressing after an afternoon's sport or sex (or sportive sex) appears to herald the clean-limbed explicitness of a writer like David Leavitt.

Nothing could be further from the truth. Memories of schoolboy sexuality are merely a minor element of a novel which examines the many dark forces which underlie outward respectability. Indeed, King's very English mix of seediness and glamour suggests that an apter illustrator might be Sickert.

His central character, Mervyn, is an elderly antiques dealer, living in a small Sussex village with Noreen. He is horrified when his old school friend Bob sends him the typescript of an autobiography which threatens to awaken memories of a past crime.

Mervyn has painfully reconstructed his identity and King's central theme is the vulnerability of identity both to the past and to passion. Just as Mervyn is destroyed by his benevolence to Bob, the misfit son of poor missionaries, so his father is ruined by his love for his unfaithful wife, and his mother by her obsession with a gold-digging gigolo (the One and Only of the title).

Sex in King's world is extreme and violent. Mervyn sees his relationship with Bob in terms of demonic possession. Even the local vicar provokes pain and scandal by running off with a parishioner. The only benign relationship is the cosy *companionship of Mervyn* and Noreen as they vegetate in their rural English garden.

Englishness is at once the book's style and subject. King is expert at the social nuances and class distinctions which are rarely far from the Englishman's consciousness. He has a meticulous eye for detail and ear for dialogue. He focuses almost exclusively on the foreground of his story: it is significant that the adulterous vicar speaks only of himself, his wife and his lover and not of his parishioners, let alone of God.

The one attempt to invoke a wider context, through Bob's work as a Nobel Prize-winning geneticist, is perfunctory, framing the novel rather than informing the narrative. While far from innovative — it is no accident that Mervyn deals in antiques — the novel is full of old-fashioned virtues. Its muted style, domestic scale and violent eruptions make it the fictional equivalent of a play by Rattigan; and it carries a similar charge. It would be a great pity if the readership of this short, lucid and satisfying book were restricted to those attracted by its come-on cover, as they will be disappointed and many others deprived.

How to live an intellectual life among the gangsters

Claire Messud

IT ALL ADDS UP
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In a 1991 interview reprinted in *It All Adds Up*, Saul Bellow writes: "Literature in my early days was still something you lived by... it was something on which you formed your life, which you ingested, so that it became part of your substance, your path to liberation and full freedom. All that began to disappear, was already disappearing, when I was young."

As his life's work amply attests, however, its disappearance did not come about until the young Bellow had himself ingested the forbidden fruit and embarked upon his literary existence. The pieces which comprise this collection — from travel notes, obituaries and political commentary to Bellow's powerful Nobel lecture of 1976 — are the traces of that life, the meditations and observations of a wholly literary spirit when not absorbed in his creative vocation.

Repeatedly over the years Bellow returns to the struggle to be an artist in an indifferent America. It is a nation often encapsulated in the gritty, commercial Chicago where Bellow has spent much of his life and which glitters at the heart of his reminiscence. In his childhood, "this was a place where matter ruled, a place where stone was value and value stone. If you were drawn to a higher life — and you might well be, even in the city of stockyards, steel, and gangsters — you had to make your own way toward it."

It was (and is) a way both eased and hampered by its very irrelevance. Bellow has turned to Wyndham Lewis for the comment that "the American's most conspicuous advantage is that he is pleasantly detached or disembodied". He has himself opined that "since we have none of the advantages of a literary world, we may as well free ourselves from its banalities". But this very freedom relegates art to the periphery of America's crass vitality, and Bellow's endeavour, in his essays as in his fiction, is to envisage a reconciliation between the two.

It is a vision most fully expressed in Bellow's Nobel lecture, where (in the footsteps of Proust) he stubbornly maintains that "when complications increase, the desire for essentials increases too... Only art penetrates what pride, passion, intelligence, and habit erect on all sides — the seeming realities of this world. This other reality is always sending us hints, which, without art, we can't receive." Fourteen years later, in a lecture at Oxford University, Bellow redefines the dichotomy: "The writer cannot make the seas of distraction stand still, but he can at times come between the madly distracted and their distractions. He does this by opening another world." This understanding of America's (and indeed, the contemporary world's) insensibility to the arts calls the artist not to the margins but to the centre, to stand as the sane body interposed between man and his madness, the purveyor not of fantasy but of reality.

Throughout his works, Bellow strives for that ever corrective, clear-eyed, necessarily subjective position: it is the provision of a *whole* art, one which is at once anecdotal or observational, analytical, and allusive. It carries the profundity of an august intelligence with spontaneous wit, so that the world is revealed as multi-faceted, fascinating, and true, in that way at once particular and universal. Indeed it appears, as Bellow promises, "another world".

Of Bellow's childhood algebra teacher, we learn in these pieces that her "white hair was piled in a cumulus formation over her square face". Of Herbert Hoover: "From the papers, I knew what he looked like. His hair was parted down the middle, he wore a high collar and a top hat and looked like Mr Tomato on the College Inn juice bottle." And of Khrushchev, that his brutish, comic models were — or ought to have been — the grotesques in Gogol's *Dead Souls*.

Time and again, Bellow draws together the highbrow influences of his formal education and the brisk accuracy of his experiencing eye. He is one of those writers "whose art binds them to the modern reality of disorder, to American society as it is now and the mixture of mind and crudity it offers". That mixture is crucial to Bellow:



Bellow: he made his way in Al Capone's Chicago

although he rails against the media and technology, television, sex and drugs, his literary and cultural analyses are invigorated by the absurdities that surround him.

Like Albert Corde, the protagonist of his 1982 novel *The Dean's December*, Bellow has "tried to make... [himself] the moralist of seeing". It is a moralism that is just as inspiring in the ruminative context of his non-fiction as in the engaging complexity of his fiction. In a 1992 memorial address for his friend Allan Bloom, Bellow said: "He had too much intelligence and versatility, too much humanity, to be confined to a single category." It is certainly true of Bellow himself: he is an artist who continues to make art matter.

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by NICK DAWS

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EDUCATION

Spoonful of Shephard sugar

Tory reforms are going down well thanks to a focused Education Secretary, reports John O'Leary



Gillian Shephard at test-boycotting Northgate Primary, Basford, Nottingham, her first visit to a school since her appointment

The appointment of Gillian Shephard was always going to produce a change of style at the top of the Education Department. The obvious brief was to end the constant turmoil and convince voters that *Conservative reforms* were working.

After two weeks of soothing noises from Sanctuary Buildings, the medicine appears to be working. The arrival of a cheerful, patient listener with a long-standing *commitment* to state schools has gone down well in the education world, even if it has alarmed some in her own party.

But behind the carefully constructed image of the conciliator, the message from Mrs Shephard's *early engagements is that she will* be no soft touch for those hoping to alter the direction of government policy. Her public pronouncements have suggested that there may be an iron fist inside the velvet glove.

Take the delicate question of examination results. A seventh successive rise in top-level GCSE pass rates received an unreserved public welcome, as did another increase in the proportion of first-class degrees awarded by universities. John Patten, her predecessor, had expressed reservations about both during his two years in office.

Within a week, however, Mrs Shephard had ordered an inquiry into two boards' mathematics and science results. And the universities may find an ongoing review of higher education ranging more widely than they expected.

The even more pressing subject of *national curriculum tests* offered another example of the new approach. The policy of employing external markers and supply teachers to bring the testing boycott to an end was Mr Patten's, but its presentation was all Mrs Shephard's.

The new Education Secretary had already re-established contact with the teaching unions before going on holiday. Before announcing the new testing arrangements, she rang all the union general secretaries and, to their surprise, accused some of not representing their members on the issue.

Mrs Shephard then went to see for herself, choosing for her first school visit a local authority inner-city primary school which had boycotted the tests, rather than a *safe city technology college or* grant-maintained school.

She did not claim to have won over the staff, most of whom were members of the National Union of Teachers. But she assured them that she had no intention of *reintroducing the 11 Plus* by the back door and would take a serious interest in the development of "value added" measures for primary school league tables.

As in other areas, Mrs Shephard was signalling a change in emphasis, rather than a dramatic policy switch. She is no supporter of academic selection at 11, having seen the waste of talent produced by a two-tier system when she worked in schools and in Norfolk's education authority, but she is likely to persevere with Mr Patten's attempts to encourage more specialist schools.

She is also realistic about the limitations of parental choice. Her rural background makes her conscious of the fact that millions of parents have no effective choice of *state school, while there are practical* constraints to the Government's original concept of poor schools withering away as families opt for more popular urban schools. Units of 2,000 pupils are not on the new agenda.

Mrs Shephard has already made stability her top priority, suggesting that she will have no hobby-horses to bring to the review of the national curriculum, which reaches a climax tomorrow. Even a previous enthusiasm for the reform of A-levels has been tempered by a desire to leave the school system at least one fixed point, especially at a time when other qualifications are being introduced in the sixth form.

Her other priorities will be early-years — as distinct from exclusively nursery — education and vocational courses. Both represent unfinished business from the Patten era, and are genuine enthusiasms. John Major has already committed the Government to improving the level of provision for three and four-year-olds, and a review of the *options is in progress.*

Mrs Shephard took a close interest in vocational education as Employment Secretary, and will be anxious to see the new qualifications establish themselves successfully. That may mean encouraging changes in assessment and even bringing in a new funding regime. The management consultant Coopers and Lybrand has been commissioned to examine the feasibility of a voucher system covering all education and training between 16 and 19.

Rather than going in for grand, wide-ranging initiatives, Mrs Shephard is likely to focus on particular areas where she can make an impact in the next two years. One example may be extra training for head teachers, whom she regards as the key figures in raising achievement in state schools.

She is already being held up as an example to other ministers for her bridge-building and positive presentation of the Government's record. But these are early days and there are pitfalls ahead: external markers may not solve the testing dispute; opting out shows few signs of recovery; scepticism over examination standards is unlikely to recede; and she faces potentially unpopular decisions over fees for higher education.

Peter Smith, the general secretary of the Association of Teachers and Lecturers, who escaped a dressing down over the tests, says: "The new approach is most welcome, but cuddliness won't resolve issues of policy. If Mrs Shephard turns out to be no more than the acceptable face of John Patten, then the honeymoon period will lead to a courteous but inevitable divorce."

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VIEWPOINT



SUSAN ELKIN

MY 11 Plus papers in 1958 were marked by faceless external examiners. Happily I passed. All concerned were secure in the knowledge that I had achieved a level set not by anyone we knew, but by a fixed system of thresholds beyond our control. Even if I had failed, my confidence in the accuracy and fairness of impartial assessment would have been unshaken.

Exactly the same principle applied to O and A-level. And when I took Associated Board violin exams I played to a *stranger. Of course I didn't know* the examiner when I took my driving test either: imagine the mayhem on the roads if instructors were able to license new drivers on a quota system.

Today we seem to have lost sight of the value of external markers. Take the national curriculum Standard Assessment Tests (SATs), which children are meant to take at seven, 11 and 14, although the 14 Plus tests have been extensively boycotted by muddled-thinking teachers, and the 11 Plus ones have yet to be introduced. The original, flawed intention was that teachers should mark these and then send their scripts off for centralised computer processing.

Teachers were right to object vociferously, although their reasoning was awry. Rather than whingeing about "workload" — which, coming from a group publicly perceived as having short hours and long holidays, wins them no admirers — teachers should have focused on the unfairness to the pupil implicit in "internal" marking.

Partiality is inbuilt in a teacher. The marking is approached with conditioned expectations: this is X's effort, a consistently lazy and unco-operative pupil — she can't have done well. Or, surely there must be a few more marks in the script of weak, diligent, amenable Y? Further, even in the unlikely scenario of teachers managing to jettison prejudices, there is no guarantee that teachers in school A would mark to the same standard as those in school B. Standardisation mechanics are, at best, half-hearted and, at worst, scandalously inadequate.

What excellent news, therefore, and a victory for fairness and common sense, that national curriculum tests are to be marked externally. As a teacher, it is a great relief to know that having prepared my candidates for tests, they have to prove their competence to a disinterested party.

Of course it will be mostly teachers who voluntarily take the job on, despite the sour-grapes advice emanating from embittered teaching unions.

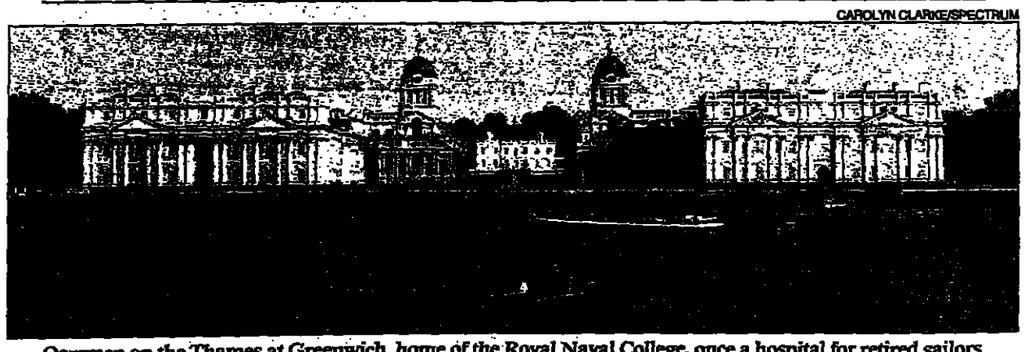
Having external markers for national curriculum, however, is not to say that there isn't still a useful place for "coursework", units of work continuously assessed by the pupil's teacher. It enables pupils to demonstrate different skills from those required in a timed test. Coursework should, however, carry a relatively small proportion of the total marks and every effort should be made to standardise its assessment.

ATTENTION should now be turned to degrees. Far too much internal marking goes on in higher education institutions, which saps the credibility of awards. All marking should be impersonal. All "firsts" should be equal, in terms of rigour and esteem.

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CAROLYN CLARKE/SPECTRUM



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Robert Fisher, the career officer, is Commandant of the Staff College at the Royal Naval College at Greenwich, in London. Geoffrey Till, the professor, is head of the college's Department of History and International Affairs.

The two men combine academic and military training for senior officers in all three *armed services*, as they come to terms with the uncertainties of the post-Cold War era. These are spelt out in the Government's new defence strategy, *Front Line First.*

One of the proposals in it will specifically affect the position of the three military staff colleges — the Army at Camberley, Surrey, the Navy at Greenwich and the RAF at Bracknell, Berkshire — which are due to be combined on one site by 1997.

All three colleges have recently introduced a tailor-made Master of Arts degree in defence studies. Commodore Fisher says: "The benefits are that it provides high-quality training and better-trained minds. The successful officers have had 15 years' experience and they are picked out as the bright people of the future. We are preparing them for the second half of their careers.

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Although Commodore Fisher was at pains to point out that he was not furthering the claims of Greenwich to be the site chosen, the hopes of those at the historic college on the Thames are clear.

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Professor Till says that in preparing for accreditation, the college reviewed all its procedures to produce an enhanced advance training diploma course. With the end of the Cold War, the emphasis on training has moved away from Nato and the Warsaw Pact to United Nations peacekeeping, regional conflicts and joint operations.

The degree is taught as part of this course with officers undertaking extra work, including additional course work, a three-hour examination and a 10,000-word dissertation.

Professor Till says: "The mix between the military and the academic has always been here, but 20 or 30 years ago the pace was more leisurely than it is now. There has been a general tightening up. For example, all the papers are marked twice as part of our quality assurance. There is more intellectual rigour."

The degree, which will also be useful to officers if they leave the services, has been approved by the Department of War Studies at King's College and validated by the University of London.

Course arrangements are slightly different at each service college, due to *differences in* their basic military courses, but it is hoped that a unified MA programme will be established once the colleges merge.

At present, the Army and RAF courses are run and marked by visiting staff from King's and students have up to three years to complete their dissertation. At Greenwich, the degree is an integral part of the Staff Course, which is managed by the college's department of history and international affairs.

The department is responsible for course work and the examination and dissertation have to be completed during the course.

All student officers on each of the three courses come together for two weeks to attend lectures and seminars, and to plan an imaginary joint operation abroad for assessment by senior officers.

The nine-month Royal Naval Staff College course is also open to officers from the Army, the RAF, and officers from other countries.

All British and overseas officers who are accepted for the Staff Course are eligible to apply for the MA course. They must have a good first degree, or show that they have reached an equivalent standard through earlier training. Interviews and essays are also used.

The Navy's course consists of strategy and policy, joint operations, defence policy and planning, together with managerial, writing, communication and presentational skills. MA students have to select two extra options from a list which includes foreign policy, economic transition in Eastern Europe, regional tensions in South Asia or the Middle East, United States foreign policy after the end of the Cold War, and conflicts within the former Soviet Union.

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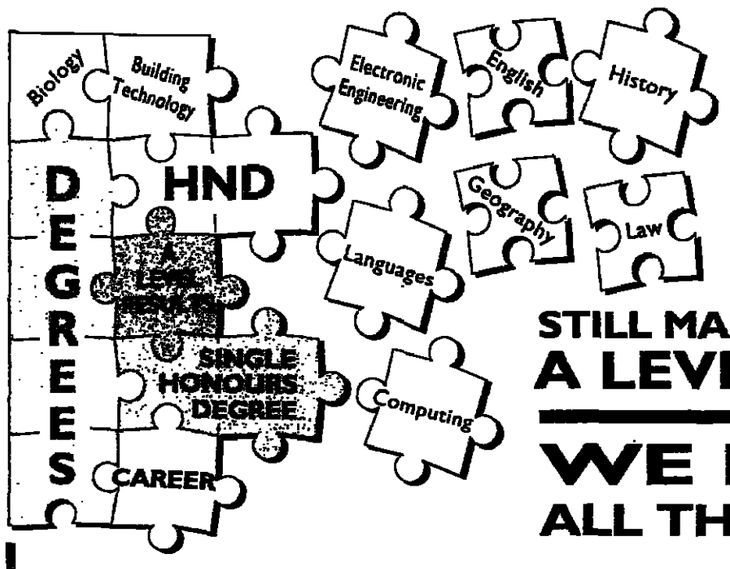
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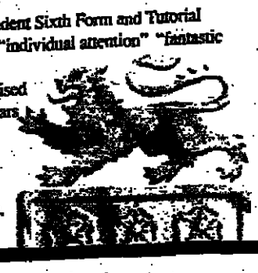
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48.80	Porvair	315	-7	...	1.8	23.5
19.70	Sutcliffe Speak	35 †	-3	...	1.8	20.8
102.30	Wardle Storeys	415	-5	...	5.2	21.7
57.40	Wstmnstr R	775	+7	...	2.0	19.4
176.50	Yorks Chem	429 †	-9	...	2.4	18.5
314.70	Yule Catto	316	-10	...	2.5	20.0
7,890.10	Zeneca	835	+11	...	4.2	16.6

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Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
5,195.50	Abbey Ntl	396 †	-24	...	4.9	13.3
1,699.00	Allied Irish	257 †	+2	...	4.9	9.9
2,475.60	ANZ New Z	186	-4	...	5.2	27.7
11,135.30	Bankamerica	3181½	-51½	...	...	...
1,346.90	Bk of Ireland	285	-2	...	4.6	8.3
2,409.90	Bank Scotland	39½	-1	...	3.1	16.9
9,518.00	Barclays	585 †	-1	...	3.6	18.0
23.60	Carlisle	28¼	...	...	1.1	...
176.40	Cater Allen	541	+3	...	6.5	11.2
169.30	Cattles	152½	-3	...	4.4	16.3
4,438.50	Chase Manh	2407½	-34½	...	...	...
11,313.50	Citicorp	2906½	+50½	...	...	...
214.20	Close Bros	237	-3	...	5.4	12.8
4,474.90	Commerzbk	£136½	-100	...	6.1	...
14,409.10	Deutsche Bk	£302½	-137½	...	2.3	...
119.80	First Nat Fin	71	+1½	...	2.6	...
39,045.90	Fuji-Bank Y	1347½	-104½	...	0.4	∞
259.60	Gerrard Nat	493	+6	22.0	5.6	14.2
6,358.00	HSBC	748 †	+12	...	4.1	10.8
13,440.00	HSBC HK	704 †	+11	...	4.0	11.1
524.80	Hambros	297	-1	...	6.3	12.2
21.80	Joseph (L)	415 †	-3	...	5.3	12.1
23.00	King Shaxson	132	...	...	9.5	13.0
691.30	Kleinwort Ben	519 †	-15	...	4.6	9.1
7,148.40	Lloyds	552 †	-12	...	5.2	10.9
70.90	Lon Scot Bk	117	...	...	3.8	17.8
6,612.80	Nat Aust Bk	494	-21	...	5.7	10.3
8,474.90	Nat West	509 †	+15	...	4.5	9.5
727.90	Provident	544	+9	...	4.1	17.1
25.60	Rea Bros	65 †	...	...	1.4	16.7
3,368.00	Ryl Bk Scot	421	-13	...	3.6	14.0
1,540.70	Schroders	1533	-55	...	1.5	14.0
2,604.30	Stand Chart	271 †	+16	...	2.9	9.3
3,383.90	TSB	221 †	-6½	...	4.6	11.1
30.30	Union	114 †	-6	...	4.9	10.5
1,668.80	Warburg SG	762	-16	...	3.6	9.2
5,619.40	Wells Fargo	£101½	-150	...	2.7	...
3,913.80	Westpac	235	...	...	2.5	∞
24.20	Wintrust	285 †	...	...	4.5	19.0

BREWERIES

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
6,168.00	Allied-Lyons	600	-13	...	4.6	14.7
4,957.80	Bass	572	-11	...	4.6	15.0
340.90	Boddington	281	-16	...	3.7	19.1
217.30	Bulmer (HP)	414 †	-3	...	3.3	23.9
39.90	Burtonwd Brw	192	...	...	3.3	16.0
30.80	Eldridge P 'A'	158	-1	...	2.9	21.9
1,834.70	Fosters Brewing	57	-1	...	5.1	∞
83.40	Fullr Sm 'A'	409	-11	...	2.4	16.9
8,648.60	Grand Met	415 †	-29	...	4.0	18.0
948.90	Greenalls Grp	454	-4	...	3.5	17.4
223.30	Greene King	529	-7	...	3.1	14.7
9,475.20	Guinness	470	-20	...	3.4	15.2
66.00	Hardy Hanson	264	...	...	4.2	13.5
3.94	Heavitree	170	...	...	3.0	15.3
553.30	Highland Distl	435	+6	...	1.9	20.6
112.30	Holt J	3743	+63	...	1.6	21.1
236.50	Macallan-Glen	203	...	...	0.7	56.1
78.30	Macdn Martn 'A'	675	-25	...	1.6	27.7
155.80	Mansfield	243	-1	...	2.3	14.9
279.80	Marston Thmp	314	+8	...	2.4	16.3
145.00	Matthew Clark	636 †	+2	...	3.5	14.2
14.90	Mrrydwn W	123 †	...	...	2.5	...
105.80	Morland	490	-18	...	2.6	16.4
8.54	Paramount	8½	...	...	2.2	15.7
35.80	Regent Inns	243	...	...	2.1	24.7
3,307.50	SA Breweries	1228½	-19½	...	2.2	20.0
2,750.40	Scot & New	517	-19	...	4.1	15.4
188.00	Taunton Cider	172 †	-4	...	4.8	13.1
369.90	Vaux Group	265	-1	...	4.5	17.1
141.50	Wetherspoon JD	391	-1	...	1.9	25.8
2,881.70	Whitbread	551	-26	...	4.3	16.0
370.60	Wolvrhmptn D	599	-10	...	2.9	15.7
66.40	Yates Bros	171	...	...	2.2	21.1
14.60	Young 'A'	503	...	...	3.7	19.3

BUILDING, ROADS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
63.90	Abbey	165 †	...	...	1.5	∞
12.30	Albrighton	17 †	...	...	3.7	16.3
55.50	Allen ♣	179	-1	...	3.7	21.2
234.60	Amec	116	-5	...	3.3	66.1
125.80	Ashtead ♣	418 †	+5	...	1.6	26.4
314.10	Atwoods	111	-3	...	5.6	...
1,554.10	BPB Ind	311	-8	...	3.3	21.0
52.80	Baggeridge Brk	133	...	...	2.9	25.1
3.66	Bailey (Ben) Cdn	35	...	...	2.5	21.2
5.05	Barcom	27	+2	...	8.1	3.2
249.30	Bardon	45	...	...	5.6	...
382.50	Barratt Devs	211	+2	...	2.8	22.7
407.20	Beazer Homes	145	-5	...	4.3	12.7
213.20	Bellway	218	+4	...	2.6	20.5
19.90	Bellwinch	44	...	...	...	∞
304.60	Berisford Intl	204	+7	...	2.0	17.8
330.90	Berkeley Gp	429	-6	...	1.9	9.1
27.30	Bett Bros	192	+7	...	3.3	...
17.90	Blockleys	72	+1	...	1.7	...
2,133.00	Blue Circle	293	-26	...	4.9	20.5
72.60	Boot (Henry)	256	...	...	2.9	14.1
11.00	Brandon Hire	78 †	-½	...	2.4	∞
36.70	Breedon PLC	94	...	...	6.1	26.9
25.20	Br Dredging	144	-4	...	5.0	18.1
21.00	Brit Fittings	88	+1	2.0	2.3	∞
405.70	Bryant	146	-4	...	4.1	22.2
55.90	CALA	130	+1	...	2.5	...
1,359.80	CRH	387	-1	...	2.5	19.5
2.78	Cakebread Rby	53	+10	...	...	...
126.90	Costain	24½	-3	...	...	...
111.40	Countryside	146	...	...	3.5	32.4
92.30	Crest Nicholson	93 †	+1	...	2.2	17.3
21.60	Cussins	121	...	...	3.1	14.6
12.00	Edmond Hldgs	23½	-½	...	1.6	...
70.20	Epwin	325 †	-6½	...	3.0	19.3
34.60	Erith	73	...	...	1.7	41.1
32.10	Eve Group ♣	328 †	...	...	4.2	∞
32.00	Galliford	36	...	...	3.5	...
1.76	Gibbs & Dandy	101	...	...	3.4	...
86.70	Gleeson (MJ)	858	...	...	1.9	15.0
210.90	Graham Grp	184	+3	...	3.2	17.4
359.70	Hewden-Stuart	157	-2½	...	2.3	23.2
6.70	Hewetson	72 †	...	...	2.2	...
328.90	Heywd Wlm	343	-28	...	5.0	19.1
62.90	Higgs & Hill	95	+1	...	3.3	...
15.00	How Gp	36	-1	...	2.6	...
6.66	Howard Hldgs	25 †	...	...	3.8	∞
197.80	Ibstock	79	...	...	1.6	...
3.25	Jarvis	9	...	...	...	...
70.60	Keller	126	-1	...	3.7	14.6
123.20	Laing (J)	269	-28	...	4.2	24.0
43.60	-do- 6.4% Cv Pf	108½	-7	...	7.4	...
11.50	Ln Clydesdale ♣	127	-1	...	4.7	17.6
36.30	Lovell (YJ)	91	-1	...	...	...
138.60	Manders	349	-4	...	3.6	16.8
429.90	Marley	150 †	-10	...	3.5	17.8
179.60	Marshalls	147 †	-3	...	3.6	18.0
60.80	Maunders (J)	243	-2	...	2.7	23.4
145.80	McAlpine (A)	211	-3	...	3.9	30.9
62.90	McCarthy & S	64	...	...	1.0	...
522.50	Meyer Int	415	-14	...	3.3	17.5
179.80	Mowlem (J)	103	-1	...	2.4	...
65.40	NSM	109	-1	...	...	12.5
211.60	Newman Tnks	175	-4	...	4.7	21.7
304.10	Persimmon	264	-8	...	4.4	19.6
4.53	Phoenix Timber	13	...	...	...	...
16.10	Pochins	1550	...	29.0	2.4	22.0
100.00	Prowting	129 †	-1	...	3.3	39.6
1,940.50	RMC Gp	985	-13	...	2.7	27.3
142.60	Raine Ind	75½	...	...	3.3	16.4
6.00	Ramus ♣	25	...	...	...	...
2,219.40	Redland	536	-32	...	5.9	27.6
15.90	Rississ	106	+4	4.3	5.1	...
845.20	Rugby Group	133	-7	...	3.3	17.5
5.53	Secure Retire	55	...	...	...	...
10.20	Severfield-Rve ♣	65	-1	0.7	1.5	20.3
40.36	Sharpe & Fisher	195	+6	...	2.7	21.3
201.70	Sheffield Insl	274	+2	...	2.5	22.0
38.90	Sheriff Hldgs ♣	361	+1	...	1.5	24.0
4.92	Shorco	155 †	-½	...	4.4	28.0
22.75	Smart (J)	225	+5	...	4.7	19.4
5.69	Stannin	1½	...	...	...	...
1,439.20	Tarmac	156	-4½	...	4.4	...
50.90	Tay Homes	174	-2	...	4.3	19.7
577.30	Taylor Woodrw	134	-5	...	1.4	[illegible]
[illegible]	Tilbury Douglas	540	...	...	7.1	60.9
5.96	Torex Hire	54	...	...	1.9	[illegible]
[illegible]	Travis Perkins	309	-10	...	1.2	25.9
14.10	Trencherwood	17	...	...	...	...
19.70	Try Group	27	-1	...	2.3	...
2.73	Tudor	25	...	...	1.2	...
57.10	Vibroplant	111	+3	...	4.1	∞
66.50	Wainhomes	139	...	...	3.3	15.0
34.20	Ward Hldgs	65	...	...	1.0	...
1.52	Waterhouse	61	+1	...	...	...
[illegible]	Watts Blake	534	+2	...	2.9	23.0
105.10	Westbury	156	-3	...	4.2	17.6
25.70	Wiggins	9½	...	...	...	...
391.10	Wilson Bowden	404	-7	...	2.7	15.3
430.50	Wilson (C)	231	-12	...	2.5	20.5
577.70	Wimpey G	159	-7	...	4.2	[illegible]
3.04	YEN	23	-4	...	...	...

BUSINESS SERVICES

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
992.80	ADT	715	-13	...	...	...
22.50	Adam & Harvey	478 †	-3	...	3.3	[illegible]
5.57	Air London	65	...	...	6.9	13.8
3.62	African Lakes	55	...	...	...	...
112.40	Auto Sec	94	-10	...	...	13.2
990.60	BET Ord	106	-9½	...	3.9	[illegible]
40.00	BNB Res	187	...	...	3.3	[illegible]
60.31	BPP	270	...	...	4.9	16.2
41.50	BSM	164	-3	...	4.3	[illegible]
23.30	Barbour Index	397 †	-1	...	5.4	∞
6.47	Black & Edge ♣	1½	...	...	...	...
39.00	Brit Data Mgt	160	+1	4.6	3.3	[illegible]
4.14	Broadcastle ♣	25	...	...	4.2	12.4
8.67	Brooks Service	[illegible]	...	...	2.5	...
61.80	CRT Gp	92 †	...	...	4.5	22.0
93.00	Capita Group	[illegible]	...	...	2.6	[illegible]
33.00	[illegible]	35 †	...	...	7.9	[illegible]
22.50	Chiltern Capital	24	...	...	...	...
13.00	[illegible]	56	...	...	...	...
965.30	Chubb Sec	345	+6	...	2.5	[illegible]
35.20	Corp Services	[illegible]	-2	...	6.6	[illegible]
19.90	[illegible]	56	...	...	[illegible]	...
22.90	[illegible]	149	...	...	[illegible]	[illegible]
244.50	[illegible] Service	[illegible]	...	...	4.2	[illegible]
24.90	[illegible]	137	...	...	3.3	[illegible]
20.30	Gardiner	[illegible]	...	...	4.4	[illegible]
1,102.30	Hays	242	-5	...	2.4	[illegible]
168.90	[illegible]	244	-16	...	[illegible]	[illegible]
11.40	[illegible]	39	...	...	...	[illegible]
11,415.30	[illegible]	319½	-7	...	1.9	[illegible]
691.60	[illegible]	901½	+57½	...	1.5	[illegible]
2,293.40	Inchcape	476	-34	...	4.2	13.4
51.20	JBA Hldgs	175	...	...	1.9	[illegible]
134.90	Johnson Clean	274 †	...	...	4.9	[illegible]
60.00	Lep	[illegible]	-2	...	...	...
45.00	[illegible] Gp	349 †	+13	...	1.4	22.7
1,295.43	Manpower	[illegible]	[illegible]	...	[illegible]	...
63.40	Michael Page	305	-2	...	2.7	25.8
50.90	[illegible]	119	-2	...	2.0	36.1
4.12	[illegible]	95	...	...	3.9	...
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	...	...	5.9	[illegible]
323.00	[illegible]	330 †	-8	...	4.2	[illegible]
9.87	[illegible]	[illegible]	+3	...	6.1	46.3
41.10	Reed Executive	175 †	...	1.0	0.7	...
21.70	Reliance Sec ♣	34	...	...	4.2	∞
[illegible]	Rentokil	229	...	...	1.7	21.5
22.40	Rolfe & Nolan	175	...	...	2.6	30.2
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	+2	...	3.4	15.4
7.12	[illegible]	[illegible]	+7	...	1.7	∞
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	...	...	...	...
[illegible]	[illegible] Gp	305	-4	...	1.5	[illegible]
7.50	[illegible]	[illegible]	...	...	1.9	...
[illegible]	[illegible]	177	...	...	1.7	16.7
[illegible]	[illegible] Howard	[illegible]	...	...	2.9	15.4
42.10	Wills Gp	24	+7½	...	2.7	∞

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
695.40	Allied Colloids	[illegible]	-1	...	2.2	21.2
[illegible]	Amersham	[illegible]	-16	...	1.9	21.1
16.40	[illegible]	[illegible]	...	...	...	...
[illegible]	BASF DM	£126½	[illegible]	...	3.0	...
44.60	BTP	[illegible]	[illegible]	...	3.8	20.7
[illegible]	Bayer DM	£136½	-22½	...	5.9	...
[illegible]	Blagden	[illegible]	...	...	1.5	55.9
[illegible]	Brent Chem	[illegible]	-9	...	4.3	...
[illegible]	Brit Biotech	402	-3	...	...	...
4.20	[illegible]	[illegible]	...	...	...	[illegible]
51.50	Canning (W)	[illegible]	-3	...	4.9	22.0
[illegible]	Courtaulds	[illegible]	-10	...	3.6	40.5
155.70	Croda	[illegible]	-11	...	2.9	19.0
[illegible]	Doeflex	[illegible]	...	...	4.8	15.7
[illegible]	Ellis & Everard	[illegible]	-1	...	3.5	19.4
[illegible]	Euro Colour	[illegible]	...	...	2.5	20.3
[illegible]	Halstead (J)	[illegible]	-1	...	2.2	19.2
[illegible]	Hickson	[illegible]	...	...	5.8	15.5
[illegible]	Hoechst	£130½	-29½	...	5.2	...
[illegible]	Holliday Chem	[illegible]	-7	...	2.3	19.5
[illegible]	ICI	[illegible]	-3	...	4.2	[illegible]
[illegible]	Laporte	[illegible]	-12	...	3.3	21.0
[illegible]	Leigh	[illegible]	...	...	4.3	[illegible]
[illegible]	MTM	[illegible]	...	...	0.7	...
[illegible]	Norsk Hydro	2175	+31½	...	1.3	∞
[illegible]	Paterson Zoch	470	...	...	3.2	[illegible]
[illegible]	-do- 'A'	444	+2	...	3.3	[illegible]
[illegible]	Plysu	170	+1	...	4.6	[illegible]

DRAPERY, STORES

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
235.00	Alders	228	+2	...	3.3	17.0
1,048.20	Argos Plc	349½	-10½	...	3.0	18.3
169.10	Ashley (Laura)	72	+2	...	0.2	...
160.20	Asprey	200	-110	...	3.8	9.9
74.50	Austin Reed	241	+9	...	2.9	13.5
66.30	Beattie (J) 'A'	142	+2	...	5.5	15.2
54.50	Bentalls	130	-1	...	1.9	40.0
76.20	Betterware	74	...	...	4.4	8.0
12.70	Blacks Leis	40 †	...	...	7.0	...
409.10	Body Shop	216	-14½	...	1.2	30.3
5,507.00	Boots	528	-23	...	3.6	20.8
24.50	Brown & Jackson	3½	...	...	...	...
372.30	Brown (N)	295	+6	...	2.0	24.5
699.90	Burton	64	...	...	3.9	...
29.00	Cantors	192	-1	...	2.6	∞
54.50	Church	505	+20	...	3.2	28.6
17.70	Clinton Cards	104	+5	...	5.7	9.0
1,565.50	Coats Viyella	210	-4	...	4.9	16.6
29.20	Cty Casuals	152	-2	...	3.5	15.5
181.90	Courts Furnish	774 †	...	...	1.0	29.4
3.20	Crown Eyes	200 †	+25	...	5.9	8.7
1,721.60	Dairy Farm Intl	101	-1½	...	3.6	13.9
178.50	Dewhirst (IJ)	141	-2	...	1.3	25.6
818.00	Dixons Grp	206 †	-1	...	4.0	21.9
10.70	ERA Gp	8	...	...	...	...
11.70	Eclipse Blinds	9½	+2	...	2.4	...
6.96	Elys (Wimbldn)	580	...	17.0	3.7	∞
23.30	Essex Furn	204	+3	...	2.3	32.6
211.90	Etam	324	+11	...	2.9	23.0
412.80	Fine Art Dev	518	-1	14.3	3.5	16.0
2.74	Fired Earth	68	...	...	...	...
16.50	Formminster	723 †	...	...	2.8	∞
43.60	French Conn ♣	274	+39	...	...	15.5
24.90	Gent SR	69	...	...	4.1	21.4
27.20	Goldsmiths Gp	124	-3	...	1.1	22.2
5,643.70	GUS	561	-25	...	2.9	16.2
12.70	Hamleys	185	...	...	3.1	18.0
4.49	Hampden Grp ♣	30	+6	...	4.2	...
59.00	Harmsone	18½	+½	...	2.2	...
6.08	Honeysuckle ♣	73	+7	...	4.3	10.7
521.20	Hse of Fraser	227	+8	...	2.8	20.4
19.10	Jacques Vert	301 †	+1	...	2.8	17.7
3,250.10	Kingfisher	488	-37	...	3.8	12.0
23.60	Leslie Wise Gp	88 †	...	...	7.4	16.3
86.90	Liberty	388	-10	...	1.6	47.7
371.50	Lloyds Chem	314	-10	...	3.2	10.4
832.40	MFI	143 †	-2½	...	3.5	17.9
11,347.20	Marks Spencer	407	-21	...	2.8	18.9
730.80	Menzies (John)	595	-1	...	2.5	14.4
54.80	Moss Bros	328	...	...	2.7	16.0
973.80	Next	261½	-7½	...	2.6	19.4
21.70	Oliver (G)	86	+13	...	...	26.6
161.00	Oriflame Intl	301 †	+5	...	4.3	13.6
70.50	Pentos	21	+1	...	...	...
68.30	QS Hldgs	173	...	...	3.8	20.4
26.90	Rhino Grp ♣	32	-3	...	2.0	11.6
30.60	Rosebys	155 †	...	...	3.8	18.1
129.90	Sherwood Gp	116	-2	...	3.1	11.5
1,780.10	Sears	117½	-2½	...	3.9	20.0
93.10	Signet Group	31½	+1½	...	...	16.1
1,340.20	Smith WH	499 †	-½	...	3.9	25.7
1.87	Specialeyes ♣	12	...	...	...	...
898.10	Storehouse	216	-4	...	3.2	19.2
122.00	T & S Stores	191	+7	...	4.0	14.2
70.70	Tie Rack	137	-4	...	1.6	16.3
130.80	Time Products	228	-15	...	4.7	17.6
7.55	Usher (Frank) ♣	109	-1	0.0	6.9	11.8
3,697.70	Vendome	529 †	-6	...	1.3	40.7
19.90	Vivat	36	-1	...	4.3	9.3
52.30	WEW Group	36	+1	...	2.1	26.5
7.19	Wensum ♣	96	+8	...	2.6	33.9
360.60	Wickes	97	-2	...	1.7	21.7
7.23	Wid of Leather ♣	90	-5	...	1.1	...
54.00	Wyevale	141	...	...	3.9	14.9

ELECTRICALS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
220.70	ACT Group	119	-3½	...	5.5	11.1
51.30	Acal ♣	276	...	...	3.1	17.3
73.90	Admiral	648 †	+3	...	1.3	19.9
92.60	Alba	198	+5	...	3.2	16.0
12.20	Alphameric	45	...	...	...	34.3
183.10	Amstrad	31½	...	...	2.0	...
24.20	App Holog ♣	110	...	...	...	...
21.30	Arlen	30	+1	...	...	...
282.40	Astec	91½	+1½	...	1.2	22.6
37.60	Azlan	172	...	...	2.2	13.9
28.10	Beales Hunter	284 †	...	...	4.6	∞
1,412.80	BICC	400	-2	...	6.1	24.8
135.70	Bick	445	+5	...	2.9	17.9
255.80	Borland ♣	900	+25	...	...	...
614.10	Bowthorpe	330	-5	...	2.6	18.4
24,223.00	BT	389 †	-½	...	5.4	13.6
4,751.90	BT P/P	269½	...	...	5.4	13.6
5.07	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	19½	...	...	1.6	14.2
26.40	Burnfield	77	+5	...	3.0	59.1
9,167.70	Cable Wireless	419	-30	...	2.5	17.8
70.30	Chloride	29½	+½	...	...	...
49.60	CML Micro ♣	268	...	...	2.8	17.1
29.40	Comptr People	204	-19	...	1.5	46.2
421.40	Cray Elect	190 †	-3	...	1.5	∞
64.70	Critchley	462	...	...	2.2	20.7
741.50	Delta	499	-20	...	3.6	22.2
26.50	Denmans Ele	608	+10	...	1.4	17.0
145.80	Domino	550	+1	...	1.9	23.7
112.70	Dowding Mills	76	-1	...	4.1	25.5
95.00	Druck	1485 †	...	...	0.9	27.6
1,015.30	Electrocomps	483	-17	...	2.5	21.1
41.40	El Data Pro	158	...	...	1.5	14.6
43.10	Electron House	170	+1	...	2.4	17.4
38.70	Emess	36½	-½	...	0.3	...
397.30	Eurotherm	401 †	+17	...	1.6	23.7
818.90	FKI	183 †	...	...	2.5	21.2
753.20	Farnell Elect	960	-3	...	1.7	23.0
53.80	First Tech	346 †	-1	...	1.3	∞
17.70	Forward Gp ♣	215	...	...	2.9	12.9
16.30	Forward Tech	48	-½	...	0.7	...
7,951.60	GEC	280½	-11½	...	4.7	14.6
103.60	Graseby	161	+1	...	4.7	14.9
38.40	Graystone	14	...	...	0.9	...
57.90	Ind Control	145	-1	...	3.9	12.9
57.60	Jones Stroud	333 †	+18	...	3.4	16.8
53.30	Kalamazoo	140	-1	...	2.9	15.8
4.39	Kembrey	16	...	...	1.2	...
149.90	Kenwood App	384	...	...	2.9	18.4
31.90	Kewill Sys ♣	263 †	...	...	2.4	∞
4.61	Kode	69	+5	...	10.2	...
3.54	Laser-Scan ♣	22	...	...	...	...
22.90	LRMS ♣	103	-3	...	...	...
21.50	Lec Refrig	355	...	...	3.2	...
251.30	Life Sciences	145 †	-2½	...	3.5	14.4
187.00	Logica	304	+10	...	1.7	35.0
4.13	LPA Ind ♣	46	...	...	4.3	...
72.70	MR Data Mngmt	131	-11	...	5.3	14.6
123.80	Macro 4	543	-10	...	4.7	∞
125.70	Memtec-Sw	256 †	+1	...	2.0	∞
122.90	Micro Focus	853	-7	...	...	10.3
50.80	Microgen	129	-1	...	7.0	12.0
26.20	Microvitec ♣	41	...	...	...	...
206.20	Misys	436 †	+3	...	2.3	∞
184.90	Mitel	234	-16	...	...	...
20.10	MMT Compt ♣	179	...	...	3.0	18.3
56.50	MTL Inst ♣	319	...	...	1.6	20.6
34.00	Murray Ent	128 ‡	-3	...	2.0	...
10,164.20	NYNEX	2418½	-59½	...	...	...
20.20	Neotronics	78	...	...	4.2	16.9
2.28	Newmark (L)	49	-3	...	...	...
32.70	Norbain ♣	432 ‡	+17	...	0.7	∞
16.10	Northamber	95 †	-4	...	1.1	40.3
8.33	Oceonics	6	...	...	...	...
1.30	Orbis	22	...	0.5	2.4	∞
159.80	Oxford Inst	320 †	+3	...	1.9	18.9
51.90	P & P	74 ‡	+2	...	3.9	18.4
106.70	Peek	89	-1	...	4.8	22.7
11.10	Pegasus	178	...	...	3.6	17.7
14.80	Philips Fin 4%	£115	+500	...	5.0	...
7,173.40	-do- Lmp nv	£16½	+18½	...	0.9	9.7
96.20	Phonelink ♣	271	+1	...	...	...
34.00	Pilco	358 †	...	...	1.6	24.5
23.70	-do- 'A' Voting	343 †	...	...	1.6	23.5
6.27	Plasmec	135	+5	...	3.5	...
31.10	Pressac	126	...	...	2.5	25.7
64.60	Psion ♣	288	+2	...	1.3	20.1
564.60	Racal Elect	248	-10	...	2.1	20.4
5.30	Radamec	45	-1	...	4.7	13.6
2.80	Radius ♣	46	+7	...	1.0	...
11.80	Real Time ♣	168 †	+4	...	3.0	∞
34.00	Roxboro	252	-1	...	0.9	18.8
124.30	Sage Gp	595	+11	...	2.2	16.0
34.40	Sanderson Elec	89	+1	...	4.0	...
12.40	Scantronic	34	+9	...	3.1	∞
47.20	Scholes Grp	253	...	...	0.8	∞
393.10	Sema Gp	425	+3	...	1.0	35.5
25.00	Servomex	250	+2	...	3.3	28.0
25.80	Silverlines	40	+2	...	2.6	23.2
6.87	Soundtracks ♣	68 †	...	...	4.4	15.4
3,715.60	TDK	2925	-6½	...	1.1	∞
1.26	TDS Circuits ♣	14	...	...	...	...
43.30	Telemetrix	91	-4	...	1.4	11.6
91.30	Telspec	288	-5	...	1.1	34.7
1,479.30	THORN EMI	1028 †	+45	...	4.1	21.0
22.50	Thorpe FW	205	-1	...	1.7	18.3
2.62	Total Systems ♣	25	+1	...	1.2	...
[illegible]	Tunstall	247	...	...	1.8	17.7
20.20	Unitech	36	...	...	2.4	26.3
30.40	Verity	10	-2½	...	...	...
29.00	Vitec	23½	-½	...	3.1	12.8
6,154.40	Vodafone	201	+1	...	1.7	26.3
134.50	Volex	432 †	+11	...	5.2	18.9
1.91	Western Selectn	36	...	0.2	1.2	...
34.90	Wholesale Fitt	274	...	11.7	3.5	∞

ELECTRICITY

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1,437.20	East Midlands	742 †	-18	...	3.8	28.6
1,396.90	Eastern Elec	772 †	-23	...	3.7	16.9
1,465.60	Hydro-Elect	382 †	-26	...	4.1	12.1
1,529.70	London Elect	700	-7	...	4.0	10.7
1,006.20	Manweb	847 †	+24	...	3.6	10.1
1,209.70	Midlands Elec	808 †	+12	...	3.6	12.4
6,097.60	National Powr	476	-40	...	3.3	11.8
997.00	Northern Elec	806 †	-4	...	3.9	10.1
620.50	Nthn Ireland	377 †	-19	...	3.8	10.3
1,344.10	Norweb	801 †	+3	...	3.6	10.5
4,449.10	PowerGen	571	-22	...	2.8	12.5
1,166.10	Scottish Power	380 †	-21	...	4.0	12.3
1,156.10	Seeboard	440	+3	...	3.3	11.6
915.40	Sth Wales	[illegible]	+21	...	3.9	11.2
764.20	Sth Western	782 †	-24	...	3.8	10.4
2,007.70	Southern Elec	748 †	-20	...	3.8	11.7
1,503.40	Yorkshire Elec	769 †	+5	...	3.8	15.0

FINANCE, LAND

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
27.60	[illegible]	51 #	...	...	2.5	...
20.90	[illegible]	190 †	...	...	4.8	9.9
22.60	[illegible]	110	...	...	1.6	13.2
[illegible]	[illegible]	159	...	...	...	...
624.50	Caledonia	751	+2	...	2.7	18.6
[illegible]	Camellia	2630	...	...	1.5	7.1
[illegible]	Candover	340	+5	...	4.0	...
[illegible]	[illegible]	208	-1	...	5.1	11.3
[illegible]	[illegible]	388	...	...	4.8	6.3
[illegible]	Ivory Sime	220	+1	...	4.1	17.8
[illegible]	[illegible]	188	-12	1.5	1.0	...
[illegible]	[illegible]	164	-6	...	7.1	10.2

Capitalisation, week's change

TRADING PERIOD: Settlement takes place ten business days after the day of trade. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
10.00	Manakin	49	...	...	...	...
17.80	Nat Home Loan	17½	-1	...	...	0.4
20.30	Newmarket	32	...	...	...	...
54.00	Rathbone Bros	280	-5	...	3.8	14.5
64.40	Rutland Tst	36	-½	...	4.2	15.2
47.90	S & U	355	+20	...	3.7	11.6
166.20	Singer & Fried	86	...	...	4.4	11.2
279.90	SocGen	825	...	...	3.4	35.6
394.10	StP Capital	144	-8	...	2.6	8.9
25.50	Towry Law	169	+2	...	3.4	16.6

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
9,651.00	Amer Express	1950	+41½	...	...	...
31.10	Brewin Dolphin	151 †	...	...	4.8	11.2
369.80	Gartmore	181 †	+7½	...	2.8	20.9
204.20	Henderson Ad	950	...	...	5.8	15.1
449.90	Invesco	176	-2	...	2.7	28.7
2,631.00	Jardine Strat	278½	+6½	...	2.9	11.5
935.90	MAI	287	+2½	...	3.0	15.6
	MAI 5.9% Cv Pf	107½	+1	...	...	...
1,204.80	MAM	663	+16	...	4.2	18.5
787.90	M & G	1052	-1	...	3.3	22.0
240.40	Smith New Crt	435½	-4½	...	2.9	3.7
18.40	Trio Hldgs	38	+1	...	5.7	15.0

FOODS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2,560.50	AB Food	569 †	+17	...	3.3	11.2
1,869.90	ASDA Group	64½	-½	...	3.4	14.8
100.20	Acatos & Hutch	299	...	...	3.6	11.9
346.70	Albert Fisher	49	-1	...	9.6	10.9
3,130.30	Argyll	278	-14	...	5.2	12.2
22.30	Banks (S C)	260 †	...	...	4.7	10.0
69.90	Barr (AG)	370	...	...	2.3	25.9
9.37	Benson Crisps ♣	51	-2	...	3.3	16.9
953.50	Booker	446	+11	...	6.1	15.9
29.80	Borthwick	51½	-2	...	3.2	22.0
215.10	Brake Bros	421	-8	...	2.0	15.6
47.20	Budgen	29 †	-1	...	4.3	18.4
20.10	CPL Aromas	185	+10	...	2.0	17.7
3,806.80	Cadbury-Schw	457	-27	...	4.3	15.0
12.70	Carrs Milling	186	-1	...	3.0	∞
22.80	Creswick	164	+1	...	6.5	13.7
3.83	Culleus	14½	...	...	...	...
13.80	Dalepak	119 †	...	...	1.6	∞
1,093.40	Dalgety	476	-13	...	5.4	13.9
4.48	Daniels S	54	...	...	0.7	...
342.90	Devro	254	-2	...	3.1	17.1
18.50	Everest	73	+4	...	6.3	13.9
79.20	Farepak	350 †	...	...	2.4	19.9
1.57	Farringford	6	...	...	...	...
73.80	Finlay (James)	76	...	...	6.9	14.2
287.60	Fyffes	102	...	...	1.7	17.5
179.50	Geest	250	+9	8.1	4.0	...
19.30	Globale ♣	16	...	...	3.9	14.6
19.00	Grand Central	48	...	...	...	...
297.20	Hazlewood Fds	128 †	-15	...	6.5	7.8
1,227.30	Hillsdown	177	-1	...	6.2	12.4
85.90	Hobson	22	-½	...	...	...
450.80	Iceland Group	164	+19	...	3.0	10.4
42.30	JLI Group	102 †	+4	...	3.9	14.4
938.10	Kwik Save	606	-16	...	3.8	10.6
193.70	Low (Wm)	362	-5	...	2.9	12.0
151.40	Matthews (B)	122	+1	...	2.6	19.4
10.60	Merchant Retail	12½	-½	...	2.0	...
1,021.90	Morrison (W)	143	+1	...	0.9	16.7
97.25	Nichols (JN)	346	+6	...	3.0	15.6
1,204.00	Nthn Foods	209½	-9½	...	5.3	10.2
8.60	Nrthmbrn Fne ♣	14	-1	...	...	...
235.50	Nurdin Peack	185	+6	...	4.5	13.1
206.40	Park Foods	130 †	-4	...	2.3	26.3
97.50	Perkins Food	79	...	...	7.0	13.3
67.80	PizzaExpress	127	-2	...	0.5	26.8
1.50	Regina Hlth ♣	2½	...	...	...	...
7,996.40	Sainsbury J	444	-8	...	3.0	15.7
3.57	Senior Farms ♣	83	...	...	3.4	8.4
30.50	Sims Food	98 †	-1	...	9.6	∞
1,598.40	Tate & Lyle	442	+1	...	3.8	11.0
4,950.10	Tesco	241	-6½	...	4.0	12.5
120.20	Thorntons	187	-1	...	2.4	...
20.20	Trealca	212 †	...	...	2.4	17.3
831.60	Unigate	355	-17	...	6.1	10.0
1,735.80	Utd Biscuits	330	...	...	5.8	14.0
7.80	Usborne	8½	...	...	4.9	6.3
158.20	Watson & Phil	373	+1	...	4.9	15.1
15.70	West Trust	37	-1	...	9.0	24.3

HOTELS, CATERERS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
4.32	Abrdn Stk Ho ♣	36	...	...	2.7	16.6
157.60	City Centre Rest	82 †	+3	...	4.0	36.4
2,024.10	Forte	234	-4	...	3.8	32.3
37.40	Friendly Hotels	168	...	...	4.2	∞
56.40	Jarvis Hotel	166	+3½	...	2.7	23.9
1,917.30	Ladbroke	165	+3	...	3.3	25.4
668.70	Mandarin Orntl	98½	+2½	...	4.1	18.0
20.60	Ryan Hotels E	31½	+2½	...	0.5	...
270.30	Savoy Hotel 'A'	945	...	...	1.7	32.1
425.10	Stakis	89	...	...	...	...

INDUSTRIALS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
9.66	AAF Inds	42	-1	...	...	...
386.60	AAH	431 †	-11	...	5.2	15.3
20.90	ADM	148 †	-1	...	3.8	39.5
350.00	APV	118½	-2½	...	5.7	...
134.20	ASW	200	-14	...	3.8	...
149.80	Adwest	183	-1	...	5.0	19.7
7.22	Aerospace Eng	39 †	-1	...	4.9	53.9
63.50	Airsprung	265	+9	...	2.3	16.5
70.70	Alexdra W	210	-1	...	3.3	22.4
8.94	Allied Radio	6½	...	...	...	...
100.40	Alumasc	324	+4	...	2.3	16.0
31.70	Alvis	57 †	+1	...	2.2	39.6
29.90	Amber Ind	765	...	...	3.3	15.9
24.80	Amberley Gp ♣	58	...	...	2.2	∞
29.80	Anagen	64	-16	...	...	...
10.80	Andrews Sykes	75	+1	...	...	...
518.60	Antofagasta	330	+7	...	1.3	26.7
17.90	Armour	36	+2	...	4.1	∞
44.30	Ash & Lacy	168	...	...	4.8	20.3
11.20	Ass Br Eng	4½	...	...	1.5	55.6
166.50	Avon Rubber	626	-2	...	3.3	27.2
40.90	Avesc Nursg	248	-3	...	4.0	14.5
55.40	Atlas Equip	533	...	...	5.2	18.5
12.30	Ayrshire Metal	125 †	+5	1.5	1.5	...
78.90	BBA	196	+5	...	4.4	...
12.00	BIP Group ♣	180	+5	...	0.7	49.4
54.80	BM Gp	49½	+1	...	...	...
3,460.70	BOC	724	-13	...	4.0	30.5
197.00	BSG	67	-1½	...	6.0	41.9
145.80	BSS Group	550	+6	...	4.0	33.0
11,837.50	BTR	329	-54½	...	4.5	17.1
72.00	BWI	151	...	...	5.5	19.1
291.80	Babcock	39½	+1½	...	...	...
3.99	Bailey (CH)	7½	...	...	...	...
270.20	Baird (Wm)	257	+6	...	4.9	19.9
924.10	Barlow	462½	-18½	...	0.7	...
110.10	Baynes (Charles)	79	-2	...	2.6	21.6
8.16	Bearing Power	24	+½	...	3.9	15.2
6.74	Beaufort	28	+1	...	...	...
1.52	Bedford (Wm)	32	+1	...	...	...
16.30	Bensen Group	12½	...	...	3.4	∞
76.90	Bespak	304 †	+1	...	4.2	15.6
78.10	Bibby (J)	50	-3	...	5.0	...
2.35	Billam (J)	145	...	...	4.6	9.5
38.20	[illegible]	33	...	...	...	...
8.07	Blanec Ind	6	...	...	...	...
128.60	Birkby	324 †	...	...	2.8	19.4
11.90	Black Arrow	48 †	-6	...	6.8	∞
152.10	Black (Peter)	276	-11	...	2.0	∞
109.80	Bluebird Toys	252	+15	...	3.0	19.5
182.60	Bodycote	316	-4	...	2.1	22.4
1.45	Bogod 'A'	30 †	...	...	2.9	∞
2.84	[illegible]	66	-7	...	...	...
19.40	Boustead	28 †	...	...	3.6	∞
2,435.00	Bowater	487	-20	...	3.4	19.1
657.90	Bowater Inc	1796½	-31½	...	...	...
77.50	Boxmore Intl	282	-7	...	1.8	18.2
14.10	Braeway	73	-1	...	3.7	∞
154.90	Brammer	369	+4	...	4.5	23.7
4.96	Bridgend Gp	19	...	...	1.4	∞
95.00	Bridon	167	...	...	3.3	...
9.73	Bridport-Gndry	97	...	...	2.9	...
1,328.50	Brierley Inv	51	...	...	8.5	∞
21.30	Br Bldg & Eng	190	...	...	5.3	16.0
3.04	Br Bloodstock	73	...	...	...	12.0
145.20	Br Polythene	481	+5	...	3.0	16.9
3,013.90	Br Steel	149½	-3	...	1.7	55.4
16.30	Br Thornton	87 †	-4	...	8.4	∞
450.00	Br Vita	223	...	...	3.9	18.6
209.80	[illegible]	152	...	...	2.1	22.4
16,121.40	Broken Hill	972	-5	...	2.0	41.7
49.10	Bromsgrove Ind	95 †	...	...	5.3	15.0
9.32	Brooke Tool	14½	...	...	...	...
16.50	Brown & Tawse	5½	...	...	...	...
197.80	Bullough	160	-2	...	4.7	26.3
6.73	Business Tech	8½	...	...	...	...
14.70	CI Group	17	-2	...	...	60.3
5.65	[illegible]	39	-1	...	...	...
30.80	Cannon St	30	...	...	...	15.5
39.20	Cantab Pharms	398	...	...	...	...
139.60	Cape	259	-4	...	5.3	16.4
1,737.30	Caradon	291	-16	...	3.8	21.9
254.20	-do- Pf	[illegible]	...	...	5.4	...
196.30	Cardo Eng	255 †	+2	...	4.5	16.6
32.30	Care UK	8	...	...	...	...
1,692.80	Carnaud Mtl	2100	+45	...	3.3	15.1
4.81	Cassidy Bros	58	...	...	3.9	11.3
59.90	Castings	182	-4	...	3.3	17.5
95.50	Cathay Intl	34	...	...	...	...
145.40	Celltech	306	...	...	...	...
11.60	Chamberlin Hill	160	...	...	3.1	18.1
687.40	Charter	504	...	...	3.5	22.0
69.20	Chemring	276	+8	...	4.1	14.8
4.80	Chieftain Gp	36	...	...	7.4	10.8
282.60	Christies Int	[illegible]	...	...	[illegible]	...
12.10	[illegible]	[illegible]	...	...	4.5	∞
3.06	Cohen (A)	510	...	3.4	0.8	...
44.50	[illegible]	256	...	...	3.5	14.5
[illegible]	[illegible]	40	...	...	3.6	15.7
64.10	Cook (Wm)	280	-5	...	3.2	14.0
1,436.80	Cookson	254	-8	...	3.1	25.5
12.20	[illegible]	175	+6	...	4.5	15.9
53.80	[illegible]	78	-1	...	5.2	18.7
5.50	[illegible]	22	...	...	5.7	...
1.48	[illegible]	305	-2	...	4.7	∞
64.50	CrestaCare	34	...	...	2.5	...
1,776.40	Danka	1600	+6½	...	...	...
594.40	[illegible]	270	-14	...	2.5	26.4
187.30	David Brown	156	+4	...	2.1	19.1
1,891.40	De La Rue	980	-4	...	2.9	23.9
54.10	Dennys Group	262	...	...	2.4	24.7
5.51	Dinkie Heel	42	+6	...	7.5	...
282.90	Diploma	326	+13	...	3.1	20.5
104.20	Dobson Park	23	...	...	1.5	15.4
1.91	Dyson (JJ)	110	...	...	4.0	∞
16.40	-do- 'A'	99	...	...	5.3	∞
4.22	EIG	7½	...	...	4.9	8.1
179.90	EIS	388	+2	...	4.0	15.5
2.28	Eldef	19	...	...	...	...
12.40	Exco	42	...	...	...	...
2,286.40	Electrolux 'B'	3181½	-75	...	1.7	54.3
30.00	Elliott (B)	85	...	...	1.5	13.0
1,234.30	Eng China Cl	398	+5	...	5.1	23.2
28.30	[illegible]	123	+6	...	0.2	...
6,807.60	Ericsson 'B'	3428½	-125	...	1.1	29.8
31.50	Eurocopy	65	...	...	3.5	19.1
69.50	Expamet	119	-7	...	3.9	17.0
258.40	Fairey Group	385	-4	...	1.9	20.3
101.60	Fenner	147	+13	...	0.3	...
9.31	Ferraris Group	88	...	...	3.0	13.0
9.72	Ferrum	39	...	...	...	...
6.90	Fife Indmar	56	+1	...	6.2	8.1
1,043.60	Fisons	151	...	...	3.6	...
108.90	Fitzwilton	43	...	...	10.5	...
73.40	Flogas	298	...	...	2.8	12.3
12.30	Foster Group nv	40	...	1.5	4.7	...
11.20	French (Thomas)	95	...	...	4.8	18.8
178.10	Frost Group	253	+6	...	2.7	26.5
31.00	[illegible]	84	...	...	2.2	21.6
2,089.80	GKN	604 †	-23	...	4.2	35.3
7.24	GR Hldgs	55	...	...	4.1	...
5.11	Garton Eng	134	+15	...	4.2	36.3
310.30	Gestetner	157	+4	...	1.9	...
14.60	Gleves	64	+3	...	2.0	41.1
18,635.50	Glaxo	611	-18	...	3.7	14.5
11.40	Glenchewton	39	-2	...	...	...
724.90	Glynwed	349	...	...	4.2	20.2
104.70	Goode Durrant	195 †	...	...	3.8	13.3
105.80	Grampian Hld	152	-1	...	4.5	58.7
2,894.20	Granada	499 †	+1	...	2.3	19.7
91.20	Great Sthrn ♣	773 †	-3	...	2.3	25.6
5.47	Green (Ernest) ♣	71	...	...	12.3	13.0
20.80	Greenacre	11½	...	...	3.5	16.1
86.80	Haden MacLn	79	-1	...	3.2	20.1
8.52	Hadleigh	119 †	...	...	2.1	13.9
26.10	Hallite Hldgs	71	...	...	...	59.4
50.00	Hall Eng	165	-13	...	6.3	9.2
468.10	Halma	235	+1	...	1.3	27.6
44.70	Hampson Ind	73 †	...	...	1.4	13.9
12,372.40	Hanson	242½	-9½	...	6.2	21.7
16.20	Harris (Philip)	151	...	...	5.7	18.6
1,271.00	Harrison Crsfld	181	-3	...	6.3	20.2
45.10	Havelock Euro	173	...	...	1.4	20.5
4.95	Hay (Norman)	33	...	...	...	...
6.44	Headway	40	...	...	2.2	∞
763.60	Hepworth	315	-10	...	5.9	16.4
5.09	Hewitt (J)	150	...	...	2.7	...
2.44	High-Point	53	...	0.5	1.2	...
48.60	Hill & Smith	146 †	-2	...	5.0	15.8
3.71	Holders Tech ♣	119 †	...	...	6.3	12.9
45.20	Hopkinsons	98	...	...	2.8	...
15.50	Hornby ♣	188	-1	...	6.0	17.2
279.00	Howden	96 †	-½	...	3.2	15.4
65.20	[illegible]	274	-1	...	2.7	19.5
180.00	Hunting	185	-3	...	6.8	36.6
121.10	Huntleigh Tech ♣	428	...	...	1.3	24.7
1,047.70	IMI	321	-15½	...	4.0	26.9
50.30	ISA Intl	126	+1	...	1.6	16.9
13.30	Intercare Gp ♣	47	-2	...	9.3	5.0
36.60	Isotron	285	...	...	2.1	∞
4,475.80	Jardine Math	623	+14	...	2.3	14.6
1,313.50	Johnson Matth	583	+6	...	2.4	23.2
55.50	Johnson & FB	39½	...	...	1.1	...
30.70	Johnston	290	-2	...	0.9	...
7.97	Jones Shipman	31	...	...	...	...
5.57	Jourdan (T)	31	...	...	4.1	30.3
223.60	Kalon	167 †	-½	...	3.3	15.8
8.85	Kelsey Ind	258	...	...	3.5	...
293.70	Kershaw (A)	845 †	...	...	4.1	38.9
27.60	Kleeneze	198	-5	...	0.6	43.9
478.70	Laird	405	...	...	3.4	18.9
47.10	Lilleshall	167 †	...	...	3.5	17.5
14.90	Lincat ♣	211	...	...	3.7	14.9
69.40	Linton Park	405	...	...	4.6	∞
12.80	Lionheart	8½	...	...	5.8	14.7
4.65	Locker (T) A	15½	...	...	1.6	∞
297.70	Lon Intl	88	-6	...	...	...
1,059.80	Lonrho	137½	-4½	...	3.6	37.7
424.70	Low & Bonar	432 †	+1	...	3.0	17.2
74.40	ML Hldgs	49 †	+3	...	2.3	16.3
15.40	MS Intl	49 †	...	...	6.4	28.6
52.90	MY Holdings	60	+1	...	3.1	14.6
205.40	Macfarlane	259 †	-½	...	2.0	23.5
462.20	McKechnie	476	-3	...	3.9	22.8
71.40	McLeod Russel	118	...	...	6.5	18.4
4.48	Magnolia	78	...	...	0.2	...
29.50	Mang Bronze	179	+1	...	2.4	20.2
45.20	Marling	25½	+½	...	3.2	45.7
38.40	Mayborn ♣	196	...	...	3.7	13.5
123.80	Mayflower	62	-1	...	2.8	28.0
405.00	Medeva	146	+17	...	2.5	11.7
179.70	Meggitt	87	-2	...	3.9	12.4
99.10	Metalrax	109	...	...	4.2	18.1
24.30	[illegible]	101	-1	...	4.3	∞
20.60	Metsec ♣	133	...	...	2.8	18.4
43.80	Midsummer	87	-4	...	1.8	12.1
173.30	Molins	559	-3	...	3.6	11.1
763.70	Morgan Cble	349	-5	...	4.5	17.6
24.30	Morris Ashby ♣	708 †	...	...	3.6	∞
9.35	Neepsend	38 †	...	...	4.1	17.8
37.40	Nestor-BNA	50	...	...	7.9	11.2
29.20	Nobo Gp	239 †	...	...	3.1	∞
222.20	Norcros	130	+10	...	6.7	23.3
19.50	Novo Group	31	...	...	4.4	10.0
24.70	[illegible]	55½	...	...	3.9	...
14.50	PCT ♣	164	+1	...	5.8	∞
3.58	Pacer Systems ♣	72	-8	...	6.8	23.4
6.28	Pascoe's	41	...	...	...	...
396.50	Pentland	107	+3	...	3.4	21.0
161.50	Photo-Me	266	-14	4.7	2.2	26.0
1,526.20	Pilkington	193	-3½	...	2.6	...
16.30	Plant & Gen	51	...	1.5	3.7	∞
172.20	[illegible]	172	-1	...	2.5	30.3
217.80	Polypipe	139	-2	...	1.9	17.8
37.70	Porter Chadburn	40	-8	...	...	...
256.80	Powerscreen	308	-4	...	3.0	13.9
38.40	Prospect Inds	18½	-½	...	5.5	10.0
8.63	RPS Group ♣	72	-12	...	4.6	14.7
1.09	Radiant Metal	80	...	...	...	...
3,440.30	Rank Org	415 †	+2	...	3.8	26.6
46.10	Ransomes	70½	+6	...	...	...
2,250.90	Reckitt Colm	589	-28	...	3.9	14.5
29.30	Record	88	-1	...	5.1	19.8
5.15	[illegible]	4	...	...	...	...
57.50	Relyon	262 †	...	...	2.6	47.8
141.30	Renishaw	289	-1	...	2.8	36.3
121.40	Renold	194	+½	...	1.7	∞
8,218.20	Reuters	493 †	-17	...	1.7	24.7
12.60	Rexmore	81 †	-2	...	3.9	∞
70.90	Ricardo Group	160	...	...	4.5	18.8
4.52	Richard (Leeds)	54	-1	...	5.2	38.7
31.00	Richardson West	86 †	...	...	4.7	16.9
33.20	[illegible]	144	-2	...	6.7	14.1
21.40	[illegible]	15½	+½	...	3.3	...
154.00	[illegible]	176	-2	...	3.2	7.8
29.90	Rubicon	137 †	...	...	4.2	∞
23.90	Russell (A)	103	+11	...	2.8	36.3
31.00	SEP Ind	38½	-½	...	2.9	15.1
734.00	SKF 'B'	1150	-15½	...	...	...
515.70	Scapa	217½	-7½	...	3.4	14.6
113.70	Scholl	169	-13	...	4.5	16.0
182.70	[illegible]	291	-4	...	...	...
63.20	Securicor	1523 †	-2	...	0.2	[illegible]
781.30	-do- 'A'	1020 †	-14	...	9.4	25.3
876.90	Security Serv	800 †	+7	...	0.9	25.3
54.55	Senior Eng	114½	-3	...	3.8	18.5
109.60	Seton Health	256	+1	...	2.3	18.1
9.35	Shiloh	160	-2	...	2.7	10.6
152.00	Sidlaw	277	-1	...	4.9	13.5
2,415.20	Siebe	505 †	-25	...	2.4	18.2
109.30	Silentnight	236	...	...	4.2	13.5
3,225.10	Sime Darby	108	-10	...	2.8	∞
17.00	Simon Eng	118	-3	...	...	...
43.60	Sinclair (Wm)	210	-1	...	4.4	16.2
24.20	Six Hundred	71	...	...	2.8	...
1,437.70	Smith & Neph	152½	-6½	...	4.2	16.7
5,799.80	Smithkline	425½	-26½	...	3.2	16.4
5,626.40	Smithkline Un	384 †	-31	...	3.5	15.0
1,307.20	Smiths Ind	447	-8	...	3.4	17.0
48.30	[illegible]	50	...	...	9.3	7.4
167.70	Spandera	273	+20	...	1.1	25.6
30.70	Spirax-Sarco	439	+9	...	2.5	21.4
221.40	Spring Ram	51	-1½	...	1.2	...
77.50	Staveley	22	+4	...	4.8	14.9
74.50	Sterling Ind	266	-1	...	3.0	23.9
246.60	[illegible]	168 †	-21	...	6.3	17.8
	Swire Pacific 'A'	531	-½	...	1.8	∞
28.20	Syltone	180 †	+4	...	3.7	18.7
1,723.50	TI	364 †	-8	...	3.3	20.1
15.20	TLS Range ♣	42	...	...	3.0	46.0
606.30	TT Group	396	+2	...	2.1	∞
274.40	Takare	219 †	+12	2.0	1.2	19.1
7,015.80	Takeda Chem	802½	-18½	...	0.8	14.7
8.65	Tinsley (E) ♣	120 †	+7	...	5.8	19.5
21.50	Titon ♣	197	...	...	2.7	16.7
2,568.10	Tomkins	239½	-9½	...	4.0	14.7
966.20	Trafalgar H	90	...	...	1.4	...
69.90	Transfer Tech	73	...	...	5.7	7.8
41.90	Triplex Lloyd	142 †	-1	...	6.2	∞
445.60	UniChem	305	-2	...	2.7	17.1
58.10	Unidare	300	-25	...	3.6	16.3
11.20	Unigroup	42	-2	...	...	...
9,471.50	Unilever	1165	+14	25.0	2.7	16.8
12,146.10	Unilever (NV)	7562½	+62½	...	2.9	15.8
34.70	Utd Inds	15½	...	...	...	...
365.00	VSEL	903	+48	...	4.4	9.3
25.10	Vexxon	17	...	...	...	...
616.40	Vickers	187	...	...	2.4	19.6
116.20	Victaulic	263 †	-5½	...	3.8	14.5
206.80	Vinten	502	+19	...	2.0	16.3
230.30	Vosper Thorny	722	-14	...	3.1	15.6
14.30	WSP Hldgs	61	+1	...	4.0	44.2
236.70	Wagon Ind	508 †	-2	...	4.4	25.9
18.40	Wakebourne	88	+8	...	...	...
105.90	Walker Greenbk	110	+5	3.3	3.8	∞
616.00	Wassall	320	+4	...	1.3	28.5
439.40	Waterford Wdgwd	6C	...	...	...	48.3
463.80	Weir	256 †	+1	...	2.9	17.1
6,048.20	Wellcome	690 †	-6	...	3.1	15.8
47.00	Wellington Hldg	199	-1	...	3.3	19.1
46.10	Wellman	38	-½	...	3.0	62.0
182.10	West Hltheare	257 †	-1	...	1.6	∞
103.50	Whatman	450	...	...	2.8	16.0
38.50	Whessoe	131	-1	...	7.8	10.0
61.70	Whitecroft	141	-5	...	1.8	22.3
17.40	Widney	11½	-½	...	...	...
2,075.00	Williams Hldg	359	-8	...	4.6	19.1
47.00	Wilshaw	59½	+1	...	1.3	23.2
2,070.80	Wolseley	753	-44	...	2.4	18.3
3.10	Wood (Arthur)	155	...	...	2.4	31.7
21.00	Wyko	65	+5	...	1.0	∞
13.30	Young (H)	80	+1	...	5.2	...

INSURANCE

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
506.20	Alex & Alex	1325 †	-12½	...	5.0	...
3,975.80	Am Gen	1900	-50	...	3.9	...
19.00	Archer	52	...	...	2.4	...
60.40	Bradstock	100 †	-1	...	6.9	11.5
792.50	Britannic	418 †	+8	...	3.9	...
80.20	CLM Insce	48	...	1.4	1.9	...
3,063.40	Com Union	549 †	-4	...	4.6	15.6
121.40	Dom & Gen	1785	+35	...	1.7	23.6
125.40	FAI	42	-2	...	1.2	...
95.30	Fenchurch Grp	155	...	...	5.8	13.8
2,909.60	Gen Accident	554	-17	...	6.4	8.8
1,632.50	GRE	187	-7	...	5.3	20.6
189.50	Heath C E	288	...	...	6.9	...
119.40	Independent Ins	268	+8	...	3.8	7.6
177.50	JIB Group	139	-8	...	6.9	12.4
2,317.70	Legal & Gen	473	-7	...	5.3	15.0
3,153.90	Liberty Life	1353½	+15½	...	7.8	5.1
224.40	LIMIT	98	...	...	1.3	∞
2,606.40	Lloyds Abbey	375 †	-7	...	6.2	11.3
119.50	Lloyd Thomp	171	+1	7.1	5.2	10.6
65.90	Lombard Ins	185 †	+1½	...	5.2	∞
408.30	Londn & Man	338	-8	...	5.8	16.8
118.00	Lowndes Lmb	199 ‡	-1	...	4.7	12.5
3,980.80	Marsh McLn	5400	-87½	...	3.5	...
69.20	Nelson Hurst	153	+1	...	4.6	15.3
29.20	Oriel	122 ‡	-8	...	5.2	∞
13.80	PWS	44	...	...	8.5	...
5,902.80	Prudential	311	-21	...	5.3	14.8
452.90	Refuge	289	+2	...	4.9	21.3
1,781.00	Royal	274 †	-22	...	4.1	6.9
933.50	Sedgwick	171 †	+8	...	4.4	19.4
59.40	Steel Burrill	124	+3	...	9.1	...
29.00	Sturge Hldgs	99	...	...	6.4	71.0
2,674.50	Sun Alliance	331	-15	...	5.8	9.0
118.80	Trade Indemnty	65	...	...	1.7	14.4
1,106.00	Transatlantic	366 †	...	...	4.1	33.1
448.50	Utd Friendly	547	+2	...	3.8	28.1
651.10	Willis Corroon	159½	+5½	...	5.3	15.0
7.10	Windsor	21	...	...	...	16.5



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Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1,881.30	3i	322½	...	...	2.5	...
937.40	Alliance	1860 †	-13	...	2.8	...
501.30	Anglo & O'seas	439 †	-9	...	2.8	...
71.90	BZW Conv	140½	-6	7.8	6.9	...
303.60	Bankers	196	-1	...	3.4	...
178.50	Baring Tribne	348 †	...	...	2.4	...
11.90	Berry Starq	228	...	2.2	1.2	∞
380.20	Br Assets	93 †	-1½	...	5.5	...
128.20	Br Empire Sec	96½	...	...	1.2	...
3.59	-do- Wnts	42	...	...	...	...
655.20	Br Inv	210	-3	...	2.9	...
161.20	Brunner	252 †	-1½	...	2.7	...
45.80	Contl Asset	209	-1	...	1.8	...
19.30	Derby Inc	163	-2	...	12.1	...
46.80	-do- Cap	305	-13	...	...	...
10.60	Drayton Blue	84	-2	...	12.5	...
49.00	-do- Eng Intl	100	-1	...	1.0	...
171.30	-do- Far East	148 †	-5	...	0.6	...
215.40	Dunedin Inc G	673 †	-1	...	4.9	...
38.00	-do- Japan	95	-2	...	...	...
4.08	-do- Warrants	51	-3½	...	...	...
54.90	Dunedin Smlr	327	-1	...	3.4	...
269.70	-do- Wrde	805	-7	...	1.5	...
932.80	Edinburgh	317½	-5½	...	3.4	...
574.70	Electra Inv	332	+½	...	2.7	...
181.70	Electric Gen	201 †	-1	...	2.0	...
1.61	English Scot	122	-1	...	...	...
81.30	European Asset	228 †	...	...	1.8	...
79.40	Finsbury 'A'	164	+2	3.0	2.3	...
211.70	Fleming Amer	315½	-4½	...	0.4	...
53.30	Fleming Chinese	68½	-½	...	...	...
6.00	-do- Warrants	50	...	...	...	...
116.70	-do- Claver	216	-3	...	3.2	...
236.80	-do- Contl	353½	-2½	...	0.8	...
85.60	-do- Entp	214 †	-2	...	2.8	∞
565.50	-do- F East	374	-1	1.5	0.5	...
47.30	-do- Fledg	374 †	-½	...	1.8	...
33.10	-do- Hi Inc	102 †	...	...	5.4	...
465.10	-do- Japan	269	-10	...	0.2	...
435.70	-do- Merc	301½	-3½	...	2.8	...
405.40	-do- Overs	706	-4	4.2	1.7	...
1,492.40	Foreign & Col	142 †	-1½	...	1.6	...
136.50	-do- Emg Mkts	136½	...	0.2	0.5	...
69.30	-do- Enterprise	77½	+½	...	1.8	...
146.60	-do- Eurotst	265½	-2½	...	0.6	...
54.00	-do- German	157½	-2½	...	0.5	...
393.60	-do- Pacific	142	...	...	0.8	...
185.80	-do- Smaller	177½	-3½	...	1.4	...
161.00	GT Japan	258	-10	...	0.6	...
33.00	Genl Cons Cap	182	-6	...	...	...
39.50	-do- Inc	110 †	-1	...	9.9	...
36.70	Govett Am Smlr	147	...	...	...	...
47.60	-do- Emg Mkts	133 †	+1	...	0.2	...
19.50	-do- Global Smlr	68	-½	...	...	...
40.90	-do- High Inc	85	-3½	...	7.0	...
219.20	-do- Oriental	400½	-2½	...	0.3	...
252.40	Govett Strategic	257	...	...	3.3	...
49.60	Greenfriar	431 †	...	...	1.9	...
0.81	Gresham House	19	...	...	...	...
62.70	Herald	96	-3	...	...	...
	Int Biotech	45	...	...	...	...
	-do- Warrants	45	...	...	...	...
336.50	[illegible]	136 †	-2	...	4.7	...
32.50	IMS UK Smllr	112	-1	...	3.1	...
36.50	INVESCO Korea	158	...	...	...	...
176.60	Kleinwort Char	218	-1	...	3.0	...
40.00	-do- Euro Prvt	82	-5½	...	...	...
23.90	-do- Euro Wnts	37½	-1½	...	...	...
300.13	-do- O'seas	249½	-2½	...	1.7	...
18.30	-do- Smlr	170	...	...	3.1	...
177.50	Law Debenture	781 †	-2	...	3.1	...
110.20	Majedie	240	...	...	3.0	...
284.40	Merchants	273	-4	...	5.0	...
97.20	Mercury Euro Pr	84½	-3	...	...	...
38.50	-do- Warrants	33½	-1	...	...	...
487.10	-do- World Mng	113	+4	...	...	...
34.90	-do- World Wts	40½	+2½	...	...	...
5,017.70	Merrill Lynch	2512½	-87½	...	...	...
422.50	Monks Inv Tst	544	-6	...	1.6	...
55.00	Morg Gren Inc	139½	-2½	...	4.1	...
2.57	-do- Warrants	53	...	...	...	...
70.60	-do- Latin Amer	110	+1½	...	...	...
8.09	-do- Warrants	63	+1½	...	2.0	...
34.00	Murray Ent	128	-3	...	...	...
1.97	-do- Warrants	41	...	...	0.6	...
19.90	Murray Euro	63	...	...	...	...
1.11	-do- Wts	18½	...	...	4.2	...
298.10	Murray Income	354 †	-1½	...	4.4	...
426.70	-do- Intl	395	-2	...	1.1	...
276.00	-do- Small	492 †	-1½	...	14.9	...
7.12	-do- S/C Inc	89 †	...	...	...	...
8.29	-do- S/C Cap	148	-1	...	4.3	...
1.58	-do- S/C Uts	3050 †	...	...	...	...
10.20	-do- S/C DP	159	-1½	...	4.1	...
82.50	-do- Vent	334	...	...	9.1	...
25.40	[illegible] Inc	65	+1	...	1.1	...
141.70	O'seas Inv Tst	372	-6	...	...	...
3.77	-do- Warrants	210	+2	...	0.3	...
112.40	Pacific Assets	551	...	...	...	...
14.90	-do- Warrants	458	+4	...	...	...
12.80	Personal Assets	8400	+50	19.5	2.9	∞
126.50	RIT Cap Ptnr	186	+2	...	1.0	...
23.10	River & Merc	115 †	...	...	10.0	...
	Robeco	442	...	...	2.9	...
	Rolinco	448	...	...	1.7	...
119.40	St Andrew Inv	328 †	...	...	3.0	...
372.30	Scot American	166½	-1½	...	3.6	...
62.20	Scott Asian	296	...	...	...	...
5.69	-do- Warrants	813	-7	...	...	...
538.60	-do- Eastern	85 †	-1½	...	2.3	...
379.00	Scottish	227½	-3	...	2.7	∞
840.40	-do- Mrge	233	-4½	...	2.2	...
59.60	-do- Value	118½	-½	...	2.1	...
316.40	Second Allnce	1648	-22	...	3.0	...
283.50	Secs Tst of Scot	88½	-½	...	4.6	...
48.20	Selective Asset	107	+1	...	1.1	...
54.00	Sphere Inv	44½	-1	...	9.6	...
80.40	TR Far East	171 †	-3	...	3.8	...
300.60	TR City Of Lon	151	-½	...	4.4	∞
156.10	TR Pacific	116½	+6	...	0.2	...
167.10	TR Property	35½	-½	...	3.2	...
46.30	TR Tech Inv	128	-4	...	1.7	...
362.60	TR Smlr Cos	203½	-4½	...	2.3	...
274.60	Temple Bar	357 †	-5	...	4.8	...
118.10	Throgm Asian E	118	+1	...	0.5	...
145.30	Throgmorton	80½	-1½	...	3.6	...
18.80	Thmg Dual Cp	538	-10	...	...	...
95.50	USDC Invest	261	-1	...	2.2	...
92.50	Value Inc Tst	117½	-1½	...	4.3	...
885.70	Witan	236 †	-2½	...	3.1	...

LEISURE

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
508.40	Airtours	459	...	...	2.5	15.0
17.50	All Leis	25	...	...	15.0	8.2
248.80	Alpha Airpts	165	...	...	3.1	∞
21.90	Baldwin	115 †	+½	...	3.8	19.8
27.80	Barr & W 'A'	279	-5	...	4.5	11.5
71.10	Boosey Hwks	363 †	-1	...	1.7	21.9
19.80	Border TV ♣	194 †	...	...	2.6	16.2
14.10	Brent Walker	4	...	...	...	...
10.00	Bristol Scotts	165	...	...	...	...
3.62	Buckingham Int	3	...	...	...	...
3.95	Campari	38	-4	...	...	...
281.70	Capital Radio	390	...	...	2.0	34.4
1,825.00	Carlton Comm	848	+5	...	2.9	18.7
24.50	[illegible] Comms ♣	360	...	...	3.1	22.8
57.00	Chrysalis	212	+1	3.2	1.9	...
839.90	Compass Gp	350½	+½	...	2.4	20.6
72.10	Eurocamp	274	-5	9.9	4.5	11.3
856.80	Euro Disney	112	-1	...	...	...
25.90	Euro Leisure	3½	...	...	...	...
15.80	Fairline Boats	450	+19	...	3.3	31.3
495.90	First Leisure	279 †	-2	...	3.0	18.5
418.20	Flextech ♣	449	+20	...	...	...
62.90	GWR Gp ♣	898 †	-5	...	1.5	32.8
45.30	Grampian	321	+3	...	2.9	17.2
147.30	HTV Group	169	-1	...	0.7	46.6
39.40	Hi-Tec Sports	81	-3	...	4.2	11.9
37.30	Kunick	15½	+1½	...	...	...
186.10	London Clubs	263	+4	...	3.7	13.4
88.20	Man Utd	674	+2	...	3.7	27.2
32.70	My Kinda Town	13½	...	...	...	...
19.50	Northern	60	+3	...	2.1	11.6
165.40	Owners Abrd	106	+1½	...	4.2	...
70.00	The Pelican Gp	99 †	-1	...	1.4	∞
11.40	Prism Leisure ♣	135	...	...	3.9	9.5
11.40	Quadrant Grp	31	+1	...	...	...
34.20	Ramsdens (H)	225 †	...	...	2.0	41.4
57.10	Scott Radio ♣	625	...	...	2.1	24.4
219.80	Scot TV	458	-4	...	3.4	25.0
32.90	SelecTV ♣	23	-2	...	...	...
183.70	Stanley Leisure	342 †	...	...	1.9	19.3
7.37	Sunset & Vine	129	...	3.5	3.4	19.7
1,050.40	Tanjong	280	...	...	1.1	∞
21.80	Tottenham Hot	136	-23	...	2.8	∞
70.00	Trans World	179	...	...	0.9	65.3
71.90	Ulster TV	685	+16	...	3.2	25.4
57.10	VCI	147	...	...	4.7	13.1
93.90	Vardon	127	...	...	1.1	22.5
184.50	Yorkshire TV	364	-2	...	...	...
8.46	Zetters Gp	129 †	...	...	8.2	∞

MINING

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
8,673.40	Ang Am	3225	+34½	...	1.9	34.5
894.30	Ang Am Coal	3550	+6½	...	2.6	19.3
1,701.00	Ang Am Gold	7043½	+181½	...	3.5	20.6
20.60	Anglo Pac Res ♣	28½	...	...	...	...
1,054.90	Ashanti	1250½	...	...	...	...
63.40	[illegible]	289	-11	...	...	...
36.90	Blyvoors	157½	-3½	...	...	...
2.36	Bracken	16	...	...	5.6	44.5
82.50	Buffels	749½	+45½	...	7.6	∞
8.23	[illegible]	3½	+½	...	...	...
5,637.00	CRA	967	+5	...	2.3	20.2
35.60	Cluff Res	49½	-1	...	...	...
67.40	Coal Inv	115	-8	...	...	...
6,083.30	De Beers	1688	+98½	...	3.3	16.6
125.20	Deelkraal	125½	+2½	...	2.9	∞
27.10	Doornfontein	67½	-½	...	...	...
2,083.50	Driefontein	1011½	+49½	...	4.3	∞
19.10	Durban	822	+29	...	...	...
82.50	E Rand Gold	150½	+15½	...	10.0	6.6
123.00	E Rand Prop	92½	+7½	...	...	...
432.70	Elandsrand	451½	-1½	...	3.6	10.2
1,318.00	FS Cons	1108½	+7½	...	6.4	11.2
16.40	FS Dev	74	...	...	...	...
1,368.00	GFSA	1831½	...	...	2.1	∞
2,039.40	Gencor	269½	+5½	...	1.3	∞
398.50	GM Kalgoorli	67	+2	...	2.2	24.5
16.30	Greenwich R 'A'	18½	...	...	...	...
20.70	Grootvlei	180½	+9	...	5.0	∞
140.10	Harmony	521	+40½	...	...	...
448.50	Hartles	400½	+31½	...	7.2	∞
899.60	Impala Plat	1421½	...	...	1.8	43.1
206.00	Kinross	1143½	+136½	...	4.3	∞
1,418.70	Kloof	1027½	+39½	...	3.3	∞
19.00	Leslie	122½	+12½	...	6.7	∞
56.50	Loraine	345	+31	...	...	...
180.20	Lydenburg	1137½	...	...	2.0	∞
2,039.40	MIM	145	+1	...	1.7	...
3,943.00	Minorco	1750	+62½	...	2.2	21.0
1,388.20	Nth Brkn Hill	190	+1	...	2.8	22.7
9,496.30	RTZ	890	+6	...	2.9	25.2
275.80	Rand Mines	462½	+37½	...	2.3	17.5
302.80	Randfontein	822	+49½	...	4.0	∞
256.90	Renison	265	-1	...	...	...
1,818.10	Rustenbg	1450 †	-6½	...	2.1	∞
68.30	St Helena	709½	-17½	...	3.7	∞
542.70	Southvaal	2097½	+153½	...	4.2	23.7
17.30	Stilfontein	135½	+6	...	20.1	∞
60.70	Unisel	216½	...	...	2.1	∞
8,142.20	Vaal Reefs	18034½	+194½	...	3.8	11.0
422.30	Western Areas	1097½	+16	...	6.9	∞
857.30	Western Deep	3097½	+68½	...	3.4	10.5
4,338.50	Wstrn Mining	394	+15	...	1.3	∞
102.10	Winkels	837½	+109½	...	6.3	∞
72.50	Zambia Copper	60	+2	...	...	...
84.60	Zandpan	65	+10	...	7.7	∞

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
5.66	Abbey Panels	283	...	...	...	...
11.90	Airflow Stream	139	+5	3.0	2.7	20.9
83.70	Appleyard	126	...	...	5.9	21.7
18.70	Bletchley Mtr	304	+2	...	4.4	12.3
48.10	Bostrom	308	+12	...	2.5	28.6
1,883.60	Br Aerospace	497	-16	...	2.1	43.7
45.40	Burndene	43	-1	...	5.8	12.5
11.90	Caffyns	360	...	...	4.9	24.3
36.00	Cavendish	164½	-1	...	1.1	17.0
14.10	Central Mtr ♣	103 †	...	...	4.2	25.5
18.90	Cook (DC) ♣	44 †	+3	...	2.8	∞
342.00	Cowie	239	-8	...	4.3	11.7
37.00	Dag Motors	153	...	...	5.1	12.6
29.60	Dawson Vern	156	...	...	2.6	15.5
30.80	ERF	312	+1	...	0.8	...
108.90	Eurodollar	222	-4	...	3.8	17.4
67.00	European Mtr	125 ‡	-1	...	4.2	13.1
159.80	Evans Halshaw	428 †	-6	...	4.1	13.4
233.60	FR Group	309	+8	...	3.1	18.9
19,257.00	Ford Motor	1912½	-18½	...	...	...
23,685.60	General Mtr	3325 †	+75	...	1.6	...
7.09	Gowrings	78	+3	...	3.2	...
139.30	Henlys	292	-1	...	3.2	15.5
9,981.70	Honda Motor	1023	-61½	...	0.4	...
7.36	Jacks (Wm)	68	+13	...	...	23.6
260.30	Kwik-Fit	151	+2½	...	3.1	17.3
366.90	Lex Service	385 †	-11	...	4.4	14.7
43.00	Lookers	234 †	-15	...	3.9	14.0
1,486.10	Lucas	191	-6	...	4.6	...
23.60	[illegible] Grp	26½	...	...	1.3	...
46.40	Pendragon	230	-8	...	3.6	17.8
43.90	Perry Gp	175	-25	...	5.1	9.4
36.60	Quicks Group	168 †	+2½	...	3.9	17.7
2,228.50	Rolls-Royce	182	+3½	...	3.5	31.2
1,194.70	T & N	237	...	...	5.9	26.2
168.60	Trinity Hldgs	328	...	...	2.4	22.7
81.00	Vardy (Reg)	125 †	-8	...	3.3	16.5

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
50.20	Adscene	313	+3	...	2.6	22.1
5.36	Black (A&C)	345	...	...	4.9	14.6
228.20	Blenheim Gp	243	+7	...	5.3	9.1
61.50	Bristol	377	...	...	4.1	26.0
67.50	Daily Mail	1550	-6½	...	1.4	31.6
994.00	Daily Mail 'A'	996½	-12½	...	1.0	22.4
208.60	Dorling Kind	310	...	...	1.3	28.1
4,082.40	Elsevier	6100½	-131½	...	3.2	19.6
181.10	EMAP	408 †	+6	...	2.7	25.2
398.20	Euromoney Pb	1825	...	...	2.8	32.1
5.74	Harrington K	37 †	+13	...	5.9	∞
30.10	Haynes Pub	480	+12	...	2.5	∞
121.90	Hodder H'Ston	348	...	...	1.8	59.7
17.00	Home Counts	170	+17	...	3.7	41.1
86.30	Intl Bus Comm	222	+2	...	1.1	14.6
6.14	Int Cm & Data	9½	...	...	...	...
356.50	Independent	303	-5	...	2.5	10.2
384.80	Johnston Press	615	+7	...	1.5	22.5
10.40	MAID	62	-3	...	...	...
67.90	Metal Bulletin	494 †	...	...	2.9	25.2
217.80	Midland Ind	158	-2	...	2.2	21.6
564.60	Mirror Gp	137	-1	...	...	5.4
7,894.00	News Corp	430	-17	...	0.3	∞
1,226.40	News Intl	250 †	-½	...	0.7	...
3,415.80	Pearson	617	-11	...	2.7	21.0
82.00	Portsmth Sund	683	+1	...	1.9	16.9
4,293.70	Reed Int	764 †	-14	...	3.3	23.1
34.80	Southnews	222	+1	...	1.6	29.8
67.30	Sterling Pubs	145 †	-1	...	3.1	12.4
678.10	Telegraph	354 †	-6½	...	4.6	12.5
4,487.00	Thomson Corp	775 †	-20	20.1	4.9	38.7
213.60	Trinity Intl	414	-1	...	2.9	20.5
3.84	Unit Groupe	36	...	...	...	...
1,298.80	Utd Newspprs	524	-9	...	5.2	14.3

OILS, GAS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
90.40	Aran Energy	31	-1	...	...	38.0
26.50	[illegible]	[illegible]	...	...	...	...
	Ass Oil & Gas	71	-3	...	...	...
14.20	[illegible]	45	+2	...	...	...
2.26	Beverley	6½	...	...	...	64.6
102.20	Br Borneo	227	...	...	4.0	18.5
12,774.10	British Gas	295	-3½	...	6.3	...
22,044.00	Br Petroleum	418 †	-1	...	2.8	22.9
28.30	Bula Resources	3½	...	...	...	...
1,700.00	Burmah Castrl	890	-6	...	3.9	17.7
52.50	Cairn Energy	81	-2	...	...	44.6
454.00	Calor Gp	220	-6	...	5.8	13.8
185.30	Clyde Pet	40½	+2½	...	...	...
25.70	[illegible]	15½	...	...	...	...
7.47	Edin Oil & Gas	21½	...	...	...	23.2
3,817.30	Enterprise	409	+20	...	4.0	...
54.70	Fairhaven Intl	22½	...	...	5.4	9.2
63.50	Fortune	8	...	...	...	...
62.50	Goal Pet	69	+1	...	2.5	18.2
46.50	GT Western Res	42	+2	...	...	...
193.30	Hardy O & G	141	...	...	0.9	18.0
78.20	Kelt Energy	30	...	...	3.3	...
1,696.40	LASMO	153	+4	...	0.8	...
4.25	-do- Units	60	+4	9.4	10.7	...
482.40	Monument	72½	+1	...	...	77.5
5.22	New London	4½	...	...	...	...
137.70	Oil Search	45	-3	...	...	...
	Petrox	38	+1	...	...	...
81.20	Pict Pet	157	-3	...	...	...
62.50	Pittencrieff Rs	108	-½	...	...	15.7
198.50	Premier	39	...	...	5.2	...
12.60	Presidio	128	...	...	0.3	...
36.90	Ramco Egy ♣	204	+8	...	4.9	...
418.50	Ranger	425	...	...	4.4	19.0
39,138.50	Royal Dtch Pl	7300	-78½	...	2.1	...
8,941.70	Schlumberger	3675	-6½	...	...	...
32.40	Seafield	61	...	...	...	...
24,630.50	Shell	743	-9½	...	4.0	22.5
3.78	Sunrise Ent Sv	129	...	...	...	...
13.50	Villiers Grp	11½	...	...	1.7	...
1,480.00	Woodside	222	...	...	...	...
145.40	XCL	77	+6	...	...	...

PAPER, PRINT, ADVTG

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
26.30	AG Holdings	147	...	...	4.5	13.3
80.70	API	377	...	...	2.9	23.7
2,252.20	Arjo Wiggins	236	+11	...	3.0	41.2
104.30	Abbott Mead	677	-2	...	1.9	36.1
260.60	Aegis Gp	32	-½	...	...	...
23.70	Aspen Comms ♣	170	...	4.9	3.6	∞
1.66	BBB Design ♣	30	...	...	...	10.3
130.80	Bemrose	414	...	...	3.5	14.8
6.34	Birkdale	7	-½	...	...	...
710.80	Bunzl	187	+1	...	3.1	19.4
59.70	CIA Gp	146 †	...	...	1.5	21.6
50.70	Capital Inds	183	...	...	...	14.4
17.90	Chime Comm	32	...	...	...	...
7.25	City of Lon	92	-3	...	6.0	14.0
26.30	Cropper (James)	319	+6	...	1.4	16.0
6.95	Delyn Group	82	+2	...	2.5	14.9
28.80	Dolphin Pack	123	+3	...	4.6	15.8
8.74	Dudley Jenkins	73 †	...	...	5.6	16.2
35.60	Elswick	17½	...	...	2.4	19.0
30.40	Fairway Group ♣	95 †	...	...	4.5	17.7
112.90	Ferguson Intl	342	...	...	4.6	14.6
17.20	Ferry Pick	128	-1	...	5.5	...
55.10	Filofax	208	+1	...	1.1	20.5
4.86	Fitch	13	...	...	...	...
12.60	Gibbon Lyons ♣	139 †	...	...	4.9	13.0
47.80	Gold Greenless	181	...	...	3.7	∞
11.30	Goodhead	28	...	...	0.2	∞
4.06	Hunterprint	7	-½	...	...	...
6.64	Interseurope	129	-3	...	7.6	11.7
110.50	Jarvis Porter	279	...	...	2.3	20.0
16.40	Lopex	31	...	...	1.0	35.0
125.80	More O'Ferrall	387	+1	...	4.3	22.3
25.10	Osborne & Little	410	-15	...	2.0	14.9
9.94	Osprey Comms	38	...	...	0.2	...
436.80	Portals	673	+17	...	3.1	18.1
5.78	Premier Hlth	2	...	...	...	...
42.00	Quarto	261	...	...	2.9	14.1
366.70	St Ives Gp	370	-3	...	2.0	26.0
374.20	Saatchi	170	+1	...	...	33.1
1,331.38	Sappi	886½	+28½	...	11.6	5.4
14.50	Serif	19½	-½	...	...	...
66.90	Shandwick	49	-1½	...	1.1	7.5
867.20	Smith David	557 †	+7	...	2.4	24.9
2,116.10	Smurfit (Jeff)	434	-5	...	1.2	61.8
1.74	Sonic	87	-3	...	3.6	∞
45.60	Stat-Plus	212	-1	...	5.2	20.1
84.40	Taylor Nelson	38½	+2½	...	2.0	31.9
14.10	VTR	135	...	...	3.7	21.4
17.80	WMGO	27	...	...	2.3	13.2
862.30	WPP	120	...	...	1.1	∞
192.10	Wace	245 †	-1	...	2.0	23.8
242.40	Waddington (J)	234 ‡	+4	...	4.5	11.5
273.00	Watmough	408	-11	...	2.0	25.8
2.84	Walmsley Mck ♣	43	+4	...	...	...
28.50	Wyndeham	120	...	...	2.2	18.7

PROPERTY

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
76.60	Allied Lon	110	...	...	4.1	14.8
28.30	Arcadian	42	+2	...	...	...
151.00	Argent	275	...	...	...	...
13.90	Ascot Hldgs	3½	-½	...	...	...
98.70	Asda	119	+2	...	2.3	21.1
60.00	Avonside	138	+3	...	4.0	16.0
6,875.09	BCE ♣	2225	-35	...	...	...
244.40	Bilton	228	-2	...	4.3	20.3
51.10	Bourne End	92	...	...	1.4	...
304.20	Bradford	210	-3	...	3.9	14.8
1,183.50	Br Land	386	-17	...	2.4	33.8
8.47	Brightstone	121	...	...	3.4	22.4
433.00	Brixton	186	-20	...	5.4	16.2
297.20	Burford	100	-1	...	2.0	32.0
71.10	Cap & Regnle	156	-2	...	1.2	61.5
757.10	Cap Shop Ctrs	308	-7	...	3.9	50.1
9.43	Cardiff Prop	243	-15	...	1.3	54.3
262.00	Chelsfield	167	-5	...	1.8	41.2
105.40	Chesterfield	535	+1	...	2.8	24.0
9.85	City Site Estt	64	...	...	...	...
13.00	Clarke Nickolls	8	+½	...	...	18.7
6.45	Compco	330	...	...	5.5	∞
47.90	[illegible]	40	...	...	...	...
243.70	Daejan	1495 †	-5	...	2.4	17.4
3.82	[illegible]	11	-½	...	...	...
47.80	Debenham Twsn	114 †	-1	...	3.8	18.5
3.78	De Morgan	8	-½	...	...	...
31.70	[illegible]	170	...	...	2.4	47.7
43.00	Derwent Hldgs	267	-1	...	2.1	23.8
63.90	Development Sec	22	...	...	...	...
26.20	Dwyer	51	...	...	...	...
[illegible]	Estates Agency	370 †	-45	...	3.5	44.7
5.67	Estates Gen	26½	...	...	...	...
156.50	Evans Of Leeds	118	-1	...	2.7	20.6
33.40	Ex-Lands	38	-1	...	1.5	...
30.60	Fiscal Prop	70	...	...	...	...
26.20	Five Oaks	27	...	...	0.9	...
5.47	Fletcher King	63	...	...	3.0	31.3
221.10	Frogmore	437	-5	...	4.7	19.3
58.30	Grainger	208	-2	...	2.5	47.5
570.30	Gt Portland	179	-14	...	5.6	34.1
242.50	Greycoat	14½	...	...	...	...
4,796.80	HK Land	178½	-4	...	0.5	∞
158.00	[illegible]	48	...	...	8.7	48.8
[illegible]	Hammerson	341	-23	...	3.7	34.2
60.10	Helical Bar	300	...	...	2.0	14.8
54.00	Hemingway	33	...	...	1.5	36.7
8.16	Herring Baker	51	-1	...	3.7	...
3.36	Jermyn	369	...	...	...	32.9
3,177.20	Land Sec	603	-26	...	4.8	17.7
231.80	Lon Merch Sec	95	-1	...	5.5	14.0
4.55	Lon & Metro	10	...	...	...	0.5
1,720.50	MEPC	436	-33	...	5.7	25.0
3.91	McInerney A	6½	...	...	...	...
46.20	McKay Secs	101 †	...	...	6.5	11.3
10.10	[illegible]	24	...	...	...	...
22.20	[illegible]	39 †	...	...	1.8	...
58.40	Mountview	1233½	+6½	...	2.3	12.2
163.00	Muckow (A&J)	107	...	...	4.6	36.2
1.50	[illegible]	4	...	...	...	...
19.10	Olives Prop	31	...	...	...	14.6
190.00	[illegible]	158 †	-1	...	3.7	22.1
203.50	Peel	255 †	-3	...	2.2	∞
5.52	Power Corp	4½	...	...	...	...
13.70	Prestige Land	6	...	...	...	...
31.40	Raglan	35	-2	...	...	12.1
33.40	Regalian	28½	+1	...	...	10.8
21.50	[illegible] Secs	275	...	...	1.3	11.1
20.70	[illegible]	115	...	...	2.4	...
59.80	St Modwen Prp	51 †	+1½	...	2.9	12.7
63.00	Savills	63	+1	...	5.5	∞
13.00	[illegible]	75 †	+1	...	3.8	...
112.10	Scot Met	85	-1	...	2.2	...
30.60	Shaftesbury	104	...	...	...	...
0.77	Shield	8	...	...	...	4.2
807.50	Slough Estates	230 †	-18	...	4.4	40.2
65.60	Southend Prop	61 †	-4	...	4.9	...
43.20	Stanhope Prps ♣	26	...	...	...	...
47.20	TBI	38½	...	...	...	2.1
87.50	Town Ests	189 †	...	...	1.5	45.0
128.80	Town Centre	125	...	...	3.5	22.4
63.60	Trafford Park	94	+1	...	4.2	∞
2.21	UK Land	51	+8	...	...	...
114.70	Warner	236 †	...	...	5.9	22.7
88.30	Warnford	230 †	...	...	4.2	19.0
2.51	Waterglade	2½	...	...	...	...
138.90	Wates	70	-2	...	...	...
6.48	Wood John D ♣	79	-1	...	3.2	∞

SHOES, LEATHER

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2.34	Automagica	41	...	...	...	...
74.10	Chamb Phipps	166	...	...	5.5	21.8
18.50	Lambert	150	...	...	6.2	6.6
13.40	Pittards	71	-2	...	1.8	...
35.80	Strong & Fisher ♣	21	+2	...	6.0	14.3
46.30	Stylo	242 †	-2	...	2.1	23.3
21.30	UK Safety	56	+1	...	5.8	11.2

TEXTILES

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
179.00	Allied Text	513 †	+13	...	3.2	13.7
6.35	Beckman (A)	52	-2	...	8.6	11.1
2.88	Bolton Gp	15½	-2½	...	...	...
2.98	Brackenbridge ♣	9	-½	...	...	...
25.20	Br Mohair	190	...	...	5.6	25.8
168.70	Claremont Ga	313	-9	...	3.2	16.5
522.30	Courtauld Text	514	+3	...	3.5	20.4
273.60	Dawson	140	+1	...	2.7	...
5.12	Drummond	39	...	...	...	12.9
8.76	[illegible] ♣	75	+1	...	8.2	12.7
2.14	Foster (John)	19	-2	...	...	...
7.43	Gaskell	153	+13	...	3.5	...
56.30	Helene Plc	28½	...	...	8.8	11.7
39.60	Hicking Pntcst	256	-6	...	2.2	18.1
4.68	Jerome (S)	62	...	...	1.0	31.0
112.80	Lamont	372	-7	...	4.2	14.2
83.50	Leeds	292	-3	...	2.5	14.0
6.20	Lyles (S)	86	+2	...	4.0	...
17.20	Parkland	194	-4	...	3.2	11.5
183.30	Readicut	84	...	...	5.1	14.4
2.17	SEET	54	+7	...	...	...
57.00	Sirdar	106	-2	...	6.4	7.3
56.10	Stirling Gp	62 †	...	...	3.8	11.2
23.20	Stoddard	35	...	...	5.7	13.2
14.90	Tomkinsons	240	-9	...	6.0	22.6
15.70	[illegible]	37	-1	...	9.6	24.3
27.70	Yorklyde	278	...	...	2.7	13.5

TOBACCOS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
13,375.00	BAT	404 †	-17	...	4.8	11.4
2,847.70	Rothmans	420	-35	...	3.8	22.9

TRANSPORT

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1,062.90	Assoc Br Ports	282	-1	...	2.1	24.7
4,907.40	BAA	486	-13	...	2.8	20.8
149.10	Badgerline	138	+1	...	4.2	...
3,839.10	Br Airways	402	-11	...	3.5	32.8
22.40	Clarkson (H)	108	+2	...	2.2	35.1
1,239.90	Eurotunnel Uts	279	-8	...	...	...
13.30	Fisher (James)	35	...	...	...	...
43.80	[illegible]	346	...	...	3.8	14.1
14.00	Jacobs (J)	47 †	-1	...	4.4	...
67.30	Lon O'Seas Frts	42	-1	...	3.1	21.1
379.90	Mersey Docks	425 †	+1	...	2.8	20.0
138.80	Natl Express	342	+1	...	2.7	21.2
1,128.60	NFC	181 †	-13	...	5.5	34.8
415.30	Ocean Group	388	...	...	3.8	33.3
30.20	Ocean Wlsn	28	...	...	5.2	27.7
3,056.10	P & O Dfd	697	-25	...	3.9	22.4
127.30	P & O 5.4%	191	...	...	...	...
377.20	Powell Duffryn	559	+4	...	3.7	13.2
22.30	Seacon	90 †	+1	...	...	...
205.60	Stagecoach	208 †	-11	...	2.5	20.8
681.70	TNT	120	-3	...	...	...
306.00	Tibbet & Britn	828	-12	14.2	2.1	27.7
42.10	Tiphook	38	...	...	...	...
341.20	TDG	231	+3	...	3.7	15.3
33.00	[illegible]	136 †	...	...	...	...
34.50	Utd Carriers	181	...	...	2.8	...

WATER

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1,656.30	Anglian Water	550 †	-8	...	5.1	14.5
36.90	Mid Kent Hdgs	335	+3	...	4.3	11.2
498.20	Northumbrian	691 †	-3	...	6.4	7.4
1,085.10	North West	550 †	-10	...	5.3	6.4
2,014.00	Severn Trent	561 †	-10	...	5.1	7.9
978.30	Sthn Water	582 †	-14	...	3.9	8.4
97.40	Sth Staffs	1740	-40	...	3.7	11.5
669.80	South West	532	-30	...	6.0	7.8
2,012.80	Thames Water	537	-20	...	5.5	8.2
590.20	Welsh Water	681 †	-15	...	5.3	7.5
811.40	Wessex Water	646 †	+3	...	4.5	8.0
1,306.60	Yorkshire W	553 †	-23	...	5.2	8.1

Source: Finstat

♣ USM; # Price at suspension; † Ex dividend; ‡ Ex scrip; † Ex rights issue; § Ex all; ¶ Ex capital distribution; ∞ Figures or report awaited; ... No significant data.

BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (under 5 years)

Stock outstanding (£million)	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
1,900	Treas 9% 1994	100	...	8.98	5.15
2,357	Treas 12% 1995	102	...	11.73	5.62
214	Gas 3% 1990-95	98	...	3.05	5.69
2,500	Exch 10¼% 1995	103	...	9.92	6.25
840	Treas 12¾% 1995	106	...	11.95	[illegible]
[illegible]	Treas 14% 1996	109	...	12.84	6.92
1,150	Treas 15¼% 1996	112	...	13.59	7.22
[illegible]	Exch 13¼% 1996	109	...	12.13	7.23
1,409	Conv 10% 1996	104	...	9.55	7.54
1,290	Treas 13¼% 1997	111	...	11.88	7.77
3,750	Exch 10½% 1997	105	...	9.93	7.85
5,550	Treas 8¾% 1997	101	...	8.60	8.07
430	Exch 15% 1997	119	...	12.69	8.25
3,250	Exch 9¾% 1998	104	...	9.36	8.30
7,650	Treas 7¼% 1998	95 †	...	7.65	8.30
1,200	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	95	...	7.10	8.35
970	Treas 14% 1998-01	116	...	11.98	8.55
935	Treas 15½% 1998	123	...	12.51	8.42
3,909	Exch 12% 1998	111	...	10.73	8.55
1,300	Treas 9½% 1999	103	...	9.19	8.54

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

Stock outstanding (£million)	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
5,002	Treas 6% 1999	90	...	6.66	8.40
2,200	Exch 12¼% 1999	113	...	10.81	8.65
2,352	Treas 10½% 1999	107	...	9.80	8.61
1,798	Conv 10¼% 1999	106	...	9.66	8.68
4,398	Conv 9% 2000	101	...	8.88	8.67
3,171	Treas 13% 2000	118	...	10.97	8.85
3,690	Treas 7% 2001	90	-1	7.72	8.78
4,406	Treas 10% 2001	105	...	9.50	8.90
6,527	Treas 9¾% 2002	104	...	9.33	8.95
7,500	Treas 8% 2003	94	...	8.45	8.88
2,503	Treas 10% 2003	106	...	9.41	8.96
1,605	Treas 11½% 2001-04	111	...	10.30	9.11
943	Fund 3½% 1999-04	71	...	4.87	7.76
6,250	Treas 6¾% 2004	88	...	7.82	8.81
3,442	Conv 9½% 2004	107	...	9.20	8.97
4,842	Conv 9½% 2005	103	...	9.15	8.93
2,202	Treas 12½% 2003-05	119	...	10.43	9.23
2,000	Treas 8% 2002-06	95 †	...	8.54	8.91
5,900	Treas 7¾% 2006	91	...	8.43	8.85
3,150	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	114	...	10.26	9.21
5,897	Treas 8½% 2007	97	...	8.73	8.82
1,250	Treas 13½% 2004-08	125	...	10.57	9.25
5,321	Treas 9% 2008	101	...	8.89	8.77

LONGS (over 15 years)

Stock outstanding (£million)	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
3,100	Treas 8% 2009	93	...	8.54	8.76
4,273	Conv 9% 2011	102	...	8.78	8.70
5,150	Treas 9% 2012	102	...	8.76	8.69
1,000	Treas 5½% 2008-12	72	...	7.54	8.47
800	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	91	...	8.44	8.62
4,950	Treas 8% 2013	94 †	...	8.51	8.65
1,000	Exch 12% 2013-17	129	...	9.27	8.85
6,050	Treas 8¾% 2017	101	...	8.64	8.62

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Stock outstanding (£million)	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
1,909	War Ln 3½%	40	...	8.62	...
475	Treas 2½%	28 †	...	8.65	...

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Stock outstanding (£million)	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
1,200	Treas IL 2% 1996	186	...	2.75	3.98
800	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	106	...	2.86	7.81
1,500	Treas IL 2½% 2001	165 †	...	3.40	3.79
1,050	Treas IL 2½% 2003	160	...	3.51	3.82
1,000	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	108	...	3.52	3.82
1,050	Treas IL 2% 2006	167	...	3.57	3.81
1,650	Treas IL 2½% 2009	151	...	3.62	3.87
1,950	Treas IL 2½% 2011	157	...	3.65	3.83
2,300	Treas IL 2½% 2013	129	...	3.67	3.84
2,700	Treas IL 2½% 2016	137	...	3.70	3.85
2,400	Treas IL 2½% 2020	131 †	...	3.73	3.86
2,100	Treas IL 2½% 2024	109	...	3.72	3.84
1,300	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	108	...	3.75	3.89

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Duty-free concessions at heart of one of biggest battles

Ferry firms fire first salvo in propaganda war

With the Channel Tunnel due to open soon, Tim Jones looks how the ferry operators plan to face the challenge

Even in guarded moments, Russ Peters, the new managing director of P&O European Ferries, refers to the the hole beneath the sea as "the enemy". He concedes that the £10 billion Channel Tunnel has the potential to damage the cross-Channel ferry market, which has seen passenger numbers increase over the past five years to a record 30 million last year.

P&O results to be announced tomorrow by Lord Sterling of Plaistow, the chairman, are expected by analysts to show the benefit of the increased passenger numbers, but with the tunnel finally due to open soon, the company needs to store up all the fat it can.

The 31-mile-long "pipe" has, Mr Peters acknowledges, a fascination that could tempt hundreds of thousands of holiday-makers to abandon the ferries. He said: "I can understand that after all the hype and build-up, a lot of regular ferry customers will want to try the Channel Tunnel. I understand that and look forward to the opportunity of doing it myself. So the vitally important battle ground will be the question of the second choice. After sampling the tunnel, will they stick with it or come back to us?" It is question on which a great many hopes and fears ride. A full-scale propaganda and advertising war has already begun.

Stena Sealink, the other big Dover operator has been monitoring Eurotunnel's terminal at Cheriton, and claims freight traffic has dropped alarmingly since the tunnel company started charging commercial rates. Hoverspeed is challenging through the European Commission whether Eurotunnel is exempt from the law that fines ferries and airlines £2,000 for every illegal immigrant they unwittingly bring into the country.

But one of the biggest battles will centre on Eurotunnel's decision to challenge in the High Court the validity of duty-free and tax-free allowances for cross-Channel ferry travellers. Although company reports give no specific breakdown of the value of the duty-free concessions, they are estimated to be worth at least £125 million a year to the ferry companies.

According to some estimates, ending the concessions could force the ferries to increase fares by up to 20 per cent, giving the tunnel an edge in pricing policy. Eurotunnel argues that the concessions cost the Exchequer £600 million a year, put the company at a disadvantage against the ferry operators, and that they should be ended before they are due to expire in 1999. Mr Peters doubts whether Eurotunnel will succeed in having the allowances banned before then and questions whether the political will would exist in 1999 to carry it through. "We are talking about thousands of jobs in Europe which benefit from the duty-free sales, from grape squashers to perfume bottlers, to distillers of whisky." He said duty-free goods were extremely popular with travellers, who would resent the ending of what they regarded as a marvellous perk.

Mr Peters, however, is not merely content to wait in hope for Eurocrats to change their minds. He is formulating a strategy aimed at negating the effects of the proposed change. "Although we have 11,283 items in our duty-free and tax-free range, the ending of allowances would not have the catastrophic influence some people are assuming, for we are becoming retailers in the wider sense of the word.

"If and when 1999 happens, we will still have these items on board and because of our purchasing power be extremely competitive.

A large number of goods on board, such as confectionery and clothing, are not tax-free. They are purely sales opportunities and are the type of ranges we will expand." To prove the point, Mr Peters discloses that for reasons no one can fathom, P&O's ferries are the world's largest retailers of Toblerone.

Mr Peters is actively pursuing the possibility of building, with the co-operation of the Calais chamber of commerce, a supermarket within a baguette throw of where his ships dock on the French side. Although the store would sell a huge range of goods, it would, crucially, enable travellers to park their cars at the end of the motorway that now runs into the port and buy wines and beer at French prices, negating the effects of the ending of duty-free allowances.

Another contentious issue is that, on three separate occasions, the ferry firms have been forbidden by the Department of Trade and Industry from discussing with one another issues such as agreed sailing times.

Mr Peters intends to begin next season by sending his five superships across the Channel. But he acknowledges that, with Stena also planning a full-service capacity, once the tunnel is fully open, that may be too great and some services may have to be withdrawn. He fears that without permission to even speak to Stena, both companies could engage in a battle among themselves.

"If demand dropped, we might agree with Stena that instead of both companies running an 0800 service from Dover, there would be just one sailing, with the other company running the 0900 and so on. It may be that we would fail to agree to any arrangement, but until the ban on us talking together is lifted, it is impossible to say."

One fear shared by the companies is that the tunnel will prove to be such a flop that some of its huge debts might then be wiped out in a restructuring, allowing its operator to offer big discounts. Mr Peters said: "That is still something we are very conscious of as being a possibility. It was, after all, a political decision to build it, not a commercial one."

In the end, Mr Peters is confident the crucial battle for the tourist trade and for most of the lorry-borne freight traffic will be won by the ferries. "We have had a long lead-in time to meet the challenge and, quite simply, the ferry operations have improved out of all recognition. There has been a massive improvement in the quality of the product we are putting before our customers. The days of long queues and delays sitting in cars on rain-lashed quays before getting on to the ship are over. Setting off on holiday is now something people want to do rather than have to do.

"Everything has improved, the ships, the check-in times, the services, and facilities are now extremely good," he said. "It has just got to be better than sitting in a car going through a tube where the only thing on offer is a few toilets."

He believes that lorry drivers also prefer the ferries as it enables them to shop and exchange gossip as they enjoy subsidised meals. "Really, on a Manchester to Milan run half an hour hardly makes any difference, and that is not a real argument as the ferry time enables a truck driver to have his legal break."

Mr Peters said that when the tunnel was first announced there was an air of gloom throughout Dover. "Things are very different now. We have really got something to take them on. My message is, we have the business, just you try to take it from us. Let battle commence."

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Russ Peters, of P&O European Ferries, is confident the ferry operators will win the tussle for the tourist trade

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Maher looks back in anger

Pentos's ex-chief, ousted in a boardroom coup, will not accept blame for commercial failures, says Susan Gilchrist

The rise and fall of Terry Maher, Pentos's former head, has all the makings of a good story. A working-class lad from Manchester, he became one of retailing's stock market stars of the 1980s, only to be ousted from the company he created in a boardroom coup.

An account of this roller-coaster ride through the City and the book trade has now been written by Maher himself in a book titled *Against My Better Judgement*, which is published today.

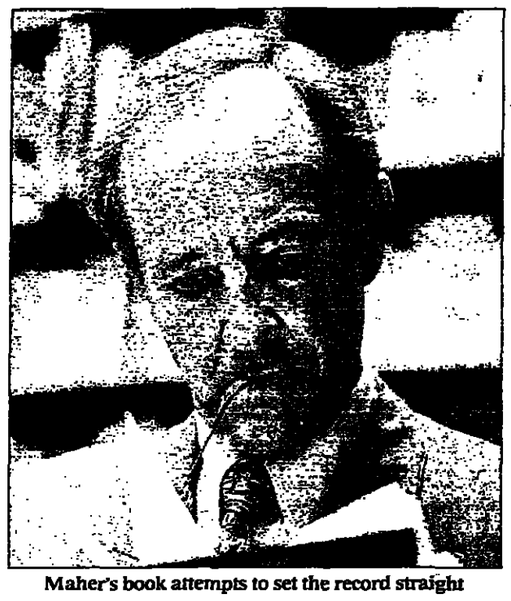
The hurt and humiliation of his sudden departure caused him are still evident and the book is obviously Maher's attempt to set the record straight. It is also an absorbing tale of a difficult and demanding character who broke out of an impoverished background and dragged himself up the corporate ladder.

He was born in 1935 in one of the poorer parts of Manchester. An early luxury, he recalls, was his first pair of new wooden clogs. His mother died when he was 11 and he was brought up thereafter by his grandmother. He left school at 16 after his education had been interrupted by lengthy bouts of tuberculosis. After flirting with Liberal Party politics, he qualified as an accountant and in 1969 moved to London, where he got a job at First National Finance Corporation. But the first of many personality clashes led to his departure and, in 1972, he decided to go into business on his own. He bought a shell company with £100 issued share capital called Pentos and in the course of the next 20 years built it up into a £250 million retailing empire.

Pentos did not start life as a retailer. In the 1970s, it transformed itself from an investment company into a small industrial conglomerate, before divesting itself of all its non-retail activities early in the 1980s. This development was not based on any strategic master plan but was simply a response to recession, which hit Pentos hard.

The rapid expansion of Dillons in the 1980s, and its energetic campaign to abolish the Net Book Agreement, were achievements of which Maher is proud and a substantial part of the book is devoted to detailed accounts of them. The big publishing companies are portrayed as bullying and cowardly; Clive Bradley, of the Publishers' Association, and Sir Simon Hornby, then chairman of WH Smith, are also depicted in an unflattering light. Maher describes Bradley as "a loquacious man who never used one word if two would do".

It is in the final chapters, which describe the events leading up to Maher's ousting, that the book really comes alive. Maher's bewilderment and bitterness about what happened is clear from his description of the critical meeting at which Pentos's three non-executive directors — Victor Blank, Jim Clark and Sir Kit McMahon — told him to go. "It was a traumatic meeting ... I left my office to get some fresh air. I felt emotionally drained and very confused." Maher has no doubt about who orchestrated his departure. "Victor Blank was clearly the leader of the pack ... Beneath the cheerful and easy-going exterior is a hard, steely centre. Victor knows what he wants and he usually gets it. We had been friends and colleagues for more than 20 years but he spoke to me in a direct and almost brutal manner ... Kit might have helped to load the gun, but it was Victor who had pulled the trigger."



Maher's book attempts to set the record straight

More than a year later, Maher has yet to recover from his public humiliation. He admits he finds it hard to accept that Pentos is no longer part of his life and he has been wounded by the way the company has sought to dissociate itself from him. "As in a Soviet purge, I had become a non-person."

What this autobiography also makes clear is that Maher does not accept responsibility for the commercial misfortunes, which brought Pentos to crisis point. He is quick to blame banks, auditors, analysts, even governments, but not himself. He insists that any mistakes stemmed from misjudging the length and depth of the recession. That is perhaps an unsatisfactory theory.

It is fitting that he should quote from *Othello* at the beginning of the book. Like Othello, Maher was blind to the reality of a situation and paid a heavy price. His may be a business story, but it has its elements of human tragedy.

Stalemate rules in strike that has entered the timetable of British life



PHILIP BASSETT

Signalling workers will once again be on strike tomorrow, and Wednesday, in the latest in the weary series of pay and productivity stoppages. Railtrack and the RMT will clash on how many services run. Freight companies will wait till Thursday, and south-eastern commuters will struggle through. Hey ho, another week, another strike.

(Do you know, by the way, how many strikes today's makes? Even journalists covering the things day-by-day can now barely remember.*)

Business and industry has largely got used to the strikes. The excitement of the first few — all booked hotel rooms and deals with coach companies — has gone. Excuses for not getting in, once readily understood, are now so unacceptable as to not even be proferred. Travellers still have a bad time, crouching in the guard's van from East Croydon, but they cope. Public opinion is still solid behind the strikes. In Blackpool last week, Jimmy Knapp, the RMT leader, was a key figure in holiday-makers' snaps as he led a union march along the prom. Camcorders, having shot the wholly stationary Tower, were turned on the equally unmoving Mr Knapp.

Public opinion still backs the strikers because the public is largely unaffected by them. Most people don't go on a train from one year's end to the next. Busy-busy business people, used to phoning vital orders from InterCity carriages as to what time to put the chicken on, are delaying journeys or going by car. South-east commuters have a pretty bad time of it anyway, and support the idea of someone doing something that might, just might, force the railways to provide a better service — one, say, half as good as the French have.

Because most people are not affected by the strikes, they can look on it dispassionately, and their sympathy for the underdog — spurred on by the extraordinary performance of Robert Horton, Railtrack's chairman — makes it easy for them to side with the signallers. Even with holidays over and the weather starting to turn, that won't change. Railtrack's hopes of the strikes being thwarted by public opinion turning are pipedreams.

So, too, are notions that warm the political right, such as sacking the strikers, and starting again, hiring from the ranks of the unemployed. If Railtrack were going to take such a step, it is likely that it would have done so by now. The arguments against doing so, including plunging the network into closing full time, and being able to defend geographically spread signalboxes, are as unattractive now to the management as ever.

All that, however, does not mean that the RMT's hand is particularly strong. Privately, many union leaders' expect the rail union will lose — with a compromise deal, rather than a win, appearing the best option, but looking increasingly unattainable.

That is mainly because of the growing success of Railtrack and the rail operating companies in mounting services on strike days. The two sides are arguing about the extent of services being provided — oddly termed "scab" trains by some union leaders urging commuters not to travel on them, as if every one were not driven by a fully paid-up Aslef member, and staffed by fully paid-up RMT guards — but it is quite clear that the strike weapon is being undermined.

What is a strike? It is a means by which leverage can be exerted on an employer by a union by taking action — withdrawal of labour — that halts the employer's business, forcing him to concede a higher deal than he would otherwise be prepared to do. When, however, an employer is able to run his operations in spite of the strike, as Railtrack and the operators now claim they can with more than half of their businesses, the strike, if not yet failed, is clearly far from exerting the leverage intended.

Railtrack's hope is that, at some point, the strikers will judge that the game is not worth the candle, and jack it in. The problem for the company — apart from its outstanding ability to put a foot wrong whenever it has an opportunity — is that the strikers are not yet cracking. Track may be open, services may be up, but the number of signallers who were on strike and who are now not is tiny.

So, how will the dispute end? It will end, as it has always looked as though it would, with a negotiated settlement. When it will end is the key question. Strikes end when one or both sides need or want them to. Both sides want to win in the rail dispute, but, in spite of the financial losses sustained by both sides, neither shows need or want. Until they do, services will keep stopping — albeit a great deal less now than at the beginning.

**Tomorrow's 48-hour strike is the fourteenth, with the four 48-hour stoppages taking the total strike days to 18. The next is due on Friday next week.*

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Tee-off with the greats

IF YOU wondered how Lord Archer paced away ten anxious days waiting for July 28, when the DTI announced no further action should be taken against any of the parties in the Anglia Television affair, now it can be told. He took up his quill and on July 25 accepted an invitation from the British Red Cross (London branch) to present the prizes this Friday at the conclusion of the week-long Save & Prosper-sponsored City Charity Golf Challenge being held at Broadgate Arena. For £3 a round, mere mortals can pit their skills against Brian Close, ex-England cricket captain, and England and Spurs footballer Teddy Sheringham, among other sporting celebs, and vie for prizes including two Air UK tickets ex Stansted to any European destination, tickets for the Toyota World Matchplay at Wentworth in October, and for the England v Romania international at Twickenham in November. The committee hopes to raise £5,000.

Heavy metal

WHEN Australians offer something in London for £127.50 which is priced at A$295 Down Under — grab it, though for the latest Register of Australian Mining you will need two hands. The "bible" covers 4,500 mineral, oil and gas deposits, all Australian quoted and many private companies, runs to 528 pages and weighs 3lbs 1oz. At the expense of their clothes, David Watson, publisher-chairman of Resource Information Unit, and wife Kate lugged 27 copies to London in their luggage last week. They avoided excess baggage charges, but both have been left with sore arms.

Déjà vu

HUGH Cade, senior partner of the leisure consulting division of Touche Ross, will be eating his words today and on Tuesday, again on Wednesday and also on Thursday. Cade is a principal judge at this week's regional heats of the annual Rémy Martin Head Waiter of the Year Awards, and will be obliged to consume grilled langoustine and Châteaubriand, washed down with Rémy Martin cognac, each day. On October 13, he judges at the national finals at The Dorchester, but has been assured the menu will change.

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Prudential poised to top £250m

THE Prudential, Britain's biggest insurer, headed by Mick Newmarch, should report a solid performance, though rising life profits and general insurance will be offset by investment losses and static sales.

David Nisbet, at NatWest Securities, has pencilled in first-half pre-tax profits, due on Wednesday, ahead to £250 million (£242 million). Market forecasts range from £243 million to £290 million. An interim dividend of 4.9p (4.5p) is predicted.

Mr Newmarch is expected to be upbeat, in spite of mixed prospects as rate competition begins to bite.

Dalgety, the Golden Wonder to Spillers food manufacturer, is expected to report flat full-year pre-tax profits of about £122 million (£122.8 million), according to Kleinwort Benson. Market forecasts range from £120 million to £124.5 million. An increased dividend of 21p (20.5p) is predicted.

Interims: Amey, Aspen Communications, Bardon, Biotrace International, British Biotechnology (Q1), British Polythene, Candover Investments, Dewhirst, EIS Group, Fairey, Fidelity Accumulating, Fidelity Distributing, Forth Ports, Healthcall, Jupiter Tyndall, Liberty, Merchants Trust, Murray European Investment Trust, Nestor-BNA, Pendragon, Select Appointments, Sharpe & Fisher, Singer & Friedlander, Thailand International Fund, UK Safety.
Finals: Castle Communications, Dalgety, Dowding & Mills, FI Group, Korea-Europe Fund, Merivale Moore, Perpetual Japanese, Pict Petroleum, Second Alliance Trust.
Economic statistics: Producer price index numbers (August).

Analysts expect **Fisons**, the troubled pharmaceuticals group, to report interim pre-tax profits between £29 million and £46 million, against £42.3 million last time. A reduced dividend of 1.5p to 2.8p is predicted, against 3.3p last time. **Kingfisher**, the Woolworths to Comet retailing group, has prepared the City for a relatively disappointing trading performance, though there should be some evidence of recovery in the second quarter of the year.

Zak Keshavjee, of Williams de Broë, expects interim pre-tax profits of £100 million (£82 million). That is at the top end of market expectations, which start at £88 million. An interim dividend of 4.6p (4.4p) is forecast. However, the results will be distorted by a full six-month contribution from Darty, the French electronics retailer which contributed only two months in the comparable period.

Excluding Darty, trading profits are forecast to decline to £63 million, compared with £69.7 million, with lower profits predicted at Comet and Superdrug, while Woolworths is expected to return to its historic tendency to report first-half losses, against £2 million profits last time. The B&Q home improvement chain is expected to report flat profits.

Peninsular & Oriental Steam Navigation, the Channel ferry to Bovis construction group, should cruise to a higher first-half profit with a good performance in all divisions. Analysts expect first-half pre-tax profits to advance to between £102 million and £130 million, against £80.1 million last time.

Interims: Charles Baynes, Blagden Industries, Bloomsbury Publishing, Ceradon, Claremont Garments, Clyde Petroleum, Co-operative Bank, Crestacare, Crocklords, Cussins Property, Delta, DRS Data & Research, EBC Group, Emess, Eyecare Products, FBD Holdings, James Finlay, Fisons, Fleming High Income (Q1), International Business Communications, Kingfisher, Lopex, Maybom, North Atlantic Smaller Companies Investment Trust, Owen & Robinson, Parkdean Leisure, P&O, Perkins Foods, Record Holdings, Taylor Woodrow, Trinity International, United Friendly, Vymura, Watmoughs, Wyevale Garden Centres. **Finals:** British Data Management, Conrad Ritblat, Cortecs International, Domestic & General, Fleming Overseas Investment Trust, Gartmore Scotland Investment Trust, John Haggas, Frank Usher. **Economic statistics:** Company liquidity (Q2), earnings of horticultural and agricultural workers (Q2), construction — new orders (July), capital issues and redemptions (August).



Mick Newmarch of the Pru should be upbeat as the insurer tells of solid progress

Lasmo is expected to report an interim loss, dragged down by a charge of about £25 million for defending itself against a hostile £1.6 billion bid by Enterprise Oil. Lower oil prices and reduced production from the Piper field in the period will also take their toll. A loss of £20 million to £34 million is forecast after tax and before bid defence costs. Lasmo reported net profits of £20 million in the previous half year and a dividend of 1.3p. It is not expected to declare a dividend this time. Enterprise disclosed costs for its failed bid for Lasmo of almost £24 million.

Interims: Aegis, Argent, Arlen, Associated British Ports, Blenheim, Caird, Calor, Camas, W Canning, Compagnie Financière, Devro International, Emhart, English China Clays, Era, International Biotech Trust, Kleinwort Smaller Companies Investment Trust, Lambert Howarth, Lasmo, London Forfaiting, Middlesex Holdings, Newey, Prudential, Roskel, Rugby Estates, Savoy Hotel, Stat-Plus, Try Group, Vardon, Woodchester Investments.
Finals: BZW Convertible Investment Trust, Foreign & Colonial High Income Trust, International Biotechnology, Lincat, Polypipe.
Economic statistics: Retail prices index (August), labour market statistics: unemployment and unfilled vacancies (August, provisional); average earnings indices (July, provisional); employment, hours, productivity and unit wage costs; industrial disputes, labour force survey (March-May).

THURSDAY

Legal & General is expected to suffer because insurance companies must now include investment losses in their balance sheets. Pre-tax profits are forecast to fall to £56 million (£75 million), though an increased interim of 6.8p (6.5p) is predicted.

United Biscuits is expected to turn in first-half pre-tax profits of between £72 million and £77.5 million (£70.8 million), but attention will focus on the restructuring of Keebler, in the US. A maintained dividend is predicted.

Interims: APV, Applied Distribution, Barlows, Beaufort, Bentalls, Booker, British Fittings, British Mohair, Computerised Financial, Courtaulds Textiles, James Crean, Dairy Farm International, Folkes, Independent Insurance, Jackson, Kwik-Fit Holdings, Legal & General, John Lewis, John Lewis Partnership, Meggitt, Mirror Group, National Express, Proudfoot, Royal Dutch Petroleum, S&U, Shell Transport & Trading, Swallowfield, United Biscuits, Warrants & Value Investment Trsut, Whatman, Arthur Wood. **Finals:** Cala, East German Investment Trust, Industrial Control, Logica, Minorco, Primadona, Sirdar. **Economic statistics:** Machine tools (July), retail sales (August).

FRIDAY

Strong sales growth is expected to help interim pre-tax profits at **Next**, the fashion retailer, to surge to £32 million (£19.7 million), according to Williams de Broë. Forecasts range from £28 million to £35 million. A dividend of 1.75p (1.5p) is predicted.

Interims: Aran Energy, Bruntcliffe Aggregates, Elys (Wimbledon), Fired Earth, Hornby, Keller, Macallan-Glenlivet, Mandarin Oriental, Midland Independent Newspapers, Next, OIS International Inspection. **Finals:** CH Bailey, Explaura Holdings, Zambia Copper Investments. **Economic statistics:** Usable steel production (August), public sector borrowing requirement (August).

PHILIP PANGALOS

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Newsagents' shops facing mixed future

A MIXED future lies ahead for confectioners, tobacconists and newsagents (CTNs), according to a report to be published this week by Verdict Research. Verdict says that CTNs will form a key element in retail distribution of tickets for the National Lottery, but that the CTNs' traditional dominance of newspaper distribution will be eroded significantly over the next five years.

The outlook for the news business is worrying many retailers. A lot rely heavily on news because it not only offers the highest profit per square foot but is a key generator of customer traffic. It is not the current newspaper price war that worries the sector, because it has not affected newsagents' margins. Of greater concern is the fact that retailers from other sectors are winning greater access to newspaper supplies. Grocery superstores and petrol stations have gained a toehold and the retailers Woolworths and Superdrug have initiated tests in 50 of their shops. CTNs' 89 per cent of the market is seen as certain to decline over the next decade.

Housing bodies rated

IBCA, the European rating agency, is to announce today that it will undertake risk ratings on British housing associations. The associations, formerly funded exclusively from the public purse, have, since the 1988 Housing Act, been able to raise money for social housing from other sources, such as banks and building societies. Private funding has become more critical since the Government began to cut back on grants to fund associations. This financial year, the grant is 62 per cent, or £1.5 billion. It will fall to 58 per cent next year. IBCA said that, over the next three years, associations must raise £7 billion from private finance sources.

Baltic finds new home

THE Baltic Exchange, the world's oldest and premier shipping market, has agreed in principle with Trafalgar House to swap its bomb-damaged exchange, its home in St Mary Axe since 1903, for a new freehold and a cash adjustment. The Baltic, 250 years old, has been seeking a new home since an IRA bomb wrecked its marble-clad premises in 1992 and it had to switch to a smaller space in the basement. The new Exchange will be the former Inchcape House at 38 St Mary Axe, an elegant, refurbished Grade II listed building. Subject to shareholder approval, the Baltic hopes to exchange contracts by November 1.

Trust aims for £40m

A NEW investment trust, the Infostructure Trust, is looking to raise at least £40 million when it is launched next month. The trust, to be managed by BZW Investment Management and sponsored by SGST, the securities arm of Société Générale, will invest in the development of information-technology infrastructure in emerging economies in general and in those of Asia, Europe and Latin America in particular. The issue will be an institutional placing and public offer of ordinary shares with warrants attached. Shares in the trust should begin trading on the London Stock Exchange at the end of November.

Preparing to replay the old monetary disasters

Britain is a country steeped in tradition. Usually, the observance of its ancient customs is a stabilising influence; occasionally, though, the opposite applies. When a practice is perverse, so are its consequences. The ceremonial mismanagement of monetary affairs is a case in point.

For several generations, the country has behaved irresponsibly in this area, and despite obviously deleterious consequences, has been reluctant to change its ways. Currently, such is the respect for tradition, that preparations are being made once again to replay the old disasters. One of the showiest pieces in the country's repertoire of pageantry — the trooping of the interest rate — is already in progress. This involves an obviously inadequate cost of credit being paraded around the massed ranks of industrialists, financiers, politicians and economists who declare that nothing is amiss and swear undying allegiance to the monetary status quo.

We have seen some virtuoso performances in the past few days. The performers — mostly industrialists and politicians — all contrive to argue that, although the economy is coming to the end of its third year of expansion, it is quite appropriate that interest rates stand at their lowest level during the entire cycle.

To this end, they give a very convincing impression of having forgotten that the current level of interest rates was set in place when it was presumed that GDP was growing at 2 per cent per annum, and decelerating. Now, in a triumph of wishful thinking over fact, they seek to justify the maintenance of the old rates, even though growth is reported to be in excess of 4 per cent per annum, and accelerating.

But, Chancellor Clarke's regular chats with Governor George notwithstanding, we will continue to follow the ancient routines and prescriptions for a while longer.

If it is to be left to the Treasury and establishment opinion, we will not be content until we have engineered the degree of excess demand that is sufficient to provoke a financial crisis. Only then will money be tightened.

If there is a silver lining in all of this, it stems from the fact that the bond market has been doing the job the monetary authorities themselves disdained.

When Chancellor Clarke, in a fit of politically inspired dementia, cut interest rates in February, the bond market neutralised his actions with a steep rise in long-term yields. And, while economists and industrialists were waxing lyrically bullish in recent months about the fragility of the current rate of real growth and about the persistence of the low rate of inflation, the bond market remained unconvinced.

As a consequence, the economy's progress may be a little more muted than is customarily the case, and the outlook for the gilts market distinctly better. Bond prices have already fallen to levels which discount the emergence of major problems. In doing so, yields have been raised to a degree which may prevent the very disasters they appear to foreshadow.

We may actually be living through a period in which the traditional financial crisis turns out to be a damp squib and, in such circumstances, gilts, rather than entering upon their customary and spectacular decline, might rise impressively.

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US dispute with Japan clouds talks

FROM REUTER
IN LOS ANGELES

THE Big Four economic powers yesterday reaffirmed their allegiance to open markets — while the US and Japan tried to avert a trade war.

Trade ministers from the US, Japan, the European Union and Canada ended three days of discussions that were overshadowed by tense trans-Pacific negotiations. The US has threatened to impose sanctions on Tokyo on September 30, should it refuse to open its markets. The odds on a deal were less than 50-50, according to a Clinton Administration source.

Yesterday's Big Four agenda, however, highlighted the common ground between the world's commercial heavyweights. The four countries restated their commitment to a new trading regime next year, as the curtain falls on the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

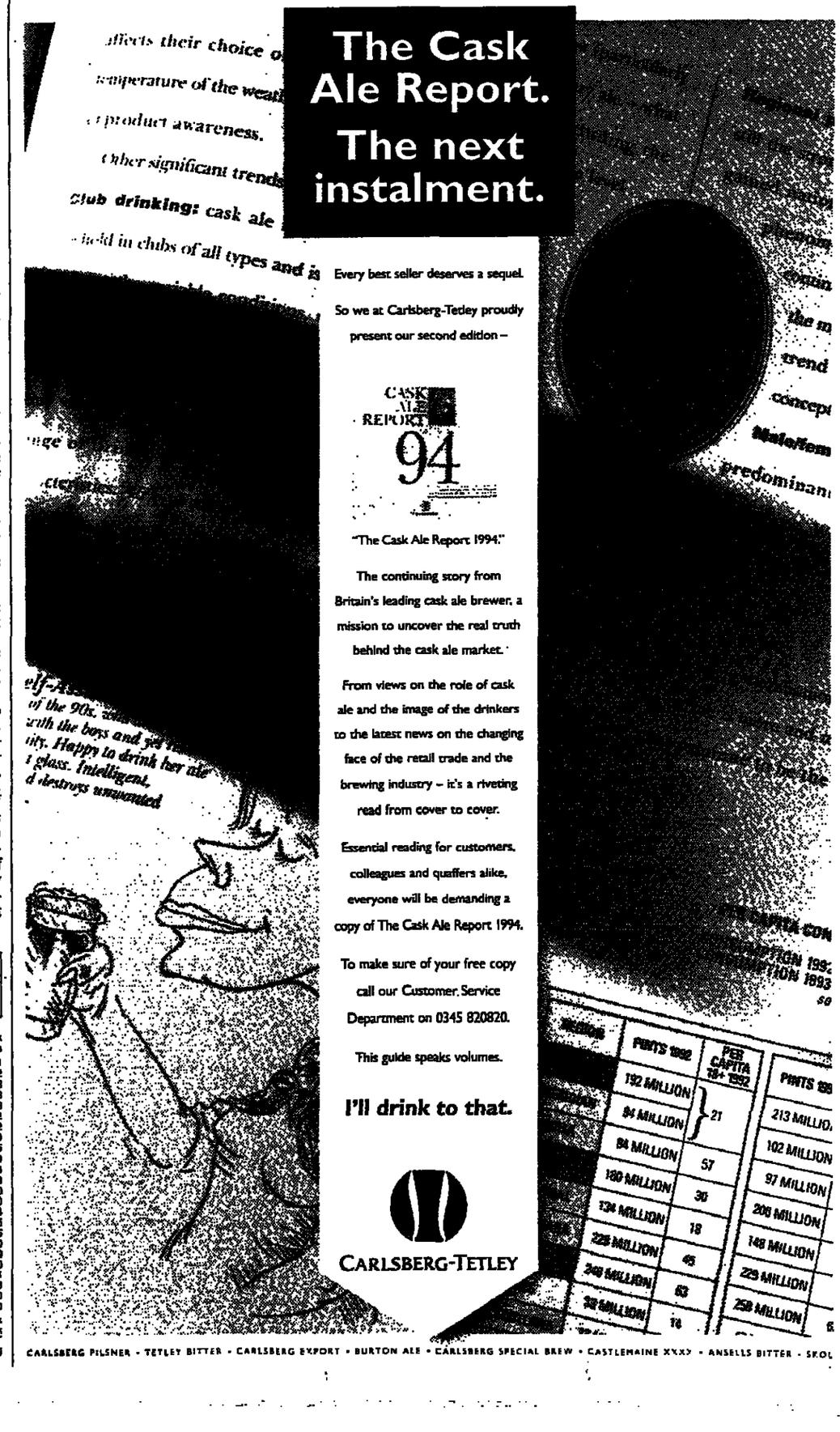
Mickey Kantor, the US Trade Representative, said: "We ought to make sure that we continue to open markets, expand trade and determine the terms of globalisation and interdependence as that continues to grow."

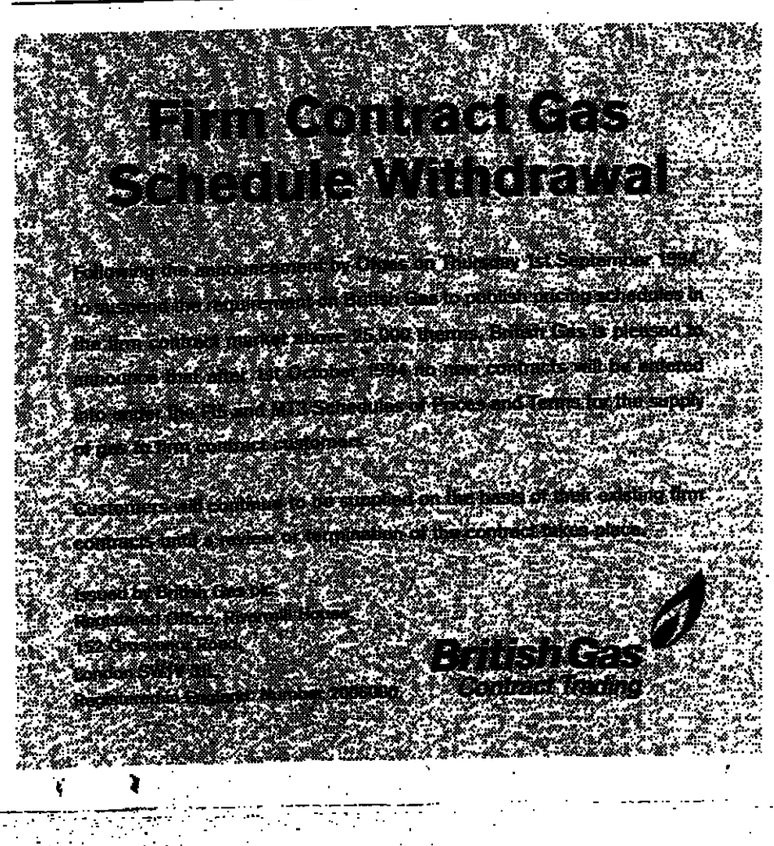
Mr Kantor played host to his counterparts, Sir Leon Brittan, the EU's Trade Commissioner, Ryutaro Hashimoto, Japan's Trade Minister, and Canada's Roy MacLaren.

It was the 25th meeting of the so-called Quad, which is credited with helping to achieve the successful outcome of the Uruguay Round of Gatt talks. The group is now trying to ensure that market-opening momentum does not falter.

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Austria Sch	17.92	16.42
Belgium Fr	52.68	48.26
Canada $	2.223	2.063
Cyprus Cypt	0.768	0.718
Denmark Kr	10.12	9.32
Finland Mkk	8.42	7.72
France Fr	8.69	7.99
Germany Dm	2.56	2.35
Greece Dr	381.00	356.00
Hong Kong $	12.63	11.63
Ireland Pt	1.06	0.98
Italy Lira	2535.00	2380.00
Japan Yen	163.50	151.50
Malta	0.809	0.554
Netherlds Gld	2.845	2.615
Norway Kr	11.15	10.35
Portugal Esc	256.00	237.50
S Africa Rd	REF.	5.49
Spain Pta	207.50	199.50
Sweden Kr	12.44	11.54
Switzerland Fr	2.16	1.88
Turkey Lira	REFER	50797.0
USA $	1.640	1.510

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Shake-up at Savoy will herald new Forte pact

By Melvyn Marckus, City Editor

THE Savoy Hotel's board meeting tomorrow will signal a major management shake-up that will be billed as a new era of co-operation between Rocco Forte and the Savoy's old guard.

Sir Anthony Tuke, the Savoy's 74-year-old chairman, is expected to hand over the reins of the UK's premier hotel combine to Sir Ewen Fergusson, chairman of Coutts Bank and a former British ambassador to Paris. *Sir Anthony has wanted to* retire for the best part of a year, the delay reflecting the previous inability of the Forte/Savoy camps to agree over a successor. Sir Ewen was made a non-executive director of the Savoy in the summer of last year.

A victim of the shake-up will be the Savoy's long-standing managing director, Giles Shepard, who is expected to be succeeded by Ramon Pajares, general manager of London's Four Seasons hotel.

Speculation that Forte, led by Rocco Forte, its chairman, is poised to launch an agreed bid for the Savoy is, however, wide of the mark. Forte, which holds a 68 per cent stake but only 42 per cent of the votes, has recently developed more cordial relations with family trusts of the late Sir Hugh Wontner, former patriach of the Savoy.

This is expected to lead to greater co-operation between the two camps, not least in terms of establishing an *international reservation system*. An amalgamation with Forte's luxury hotels, such as the Grosvenor House, is not ruled out, but is not understood to be imminent.

Although Sir Ewen is expected to become chairman, his appointment may prove *temporary*. Word has it that, in time, the chairmanship may alternate between the two camps, prospective candidates being Rocco Forte and John Sinclair, a non-executive director representing certain key Wontner trusts.

Mr Shepard's departure from his £150,000-a-year post comes after a public clash with Sir Michael Richardson, a non-executive director of the *Savoy. After a recent report in The Sunday Times*, Mr Shepard issued a statement that declared: "The board of the Savoy Group is dismayed that one *non*-executive director, for his own reasons, has decided to discuss confidential papers with the press." Mr Shepard later took responsibility for the statement and admitted that it had not been authorised by the board. Sir Anthony accepted *Sir Michael's assurances* that he had not leaked details of Mr Shepard's papers about strategy and described Mr Shepard's action as "extraordinary".

Mr Shepard's exit comes after an abysmal trading record at the Savoy in recent years. Pre-tax profits reached a peak of £13 million in 1989, but, come 1992, had been replaced by a £1.4 million loss. Last year, the company achieved pre-tax profits of £725,000 on turnover of £83 million, but had to halve the dividend.

Mr Shepard was the flag carrier for Sir Hugh and has ceaselessly opposed closer links with the Forte camp.

Although Mr Pajares is the strong favourite to succeed Mr Shepard, sources say that the appointment is not yet a done deal.



Rocco Forte, whose Forte group has 42 per cent of Savoy votes, is improving his relationship with the Savoy old guard



Shepard: victim



Pajares: tipped for post

Lebanese plan first eurobond

LEBANON is planning to issue its first-ever eurobond this month as part of a drive to raise billions of dollars to rebuild war-torn Beirut (Neil Bennett writes).

The country hopes to raise at least $150 million by the issue, organised by Merrill Lynch. An international road show for the bond will begin next week and culminate in London at the end of the month, just before the issue. If demand is strong, it may be increased to as much as $300 million.

The eurobond will mark Lebanon's return to *international capital markets and a* further step in economic recovery. The bond will not carry a traditional debt rating, because of the long civil war. This is likely to deter traditional bond investors, but Lebanon hopes instead to attract some of the savings of the thousands of its expatriates. Lebanon's Central Bank estimates that its citizens hold $40 billion in overseas banks, particularly in Switzerland.

Tiphook chiefs to face barrage

By Martin Waller, Deputy City Editor

DIRECTORS of Tiphook, the debt-crippled transport leasing specialist that came close to collapse last year, face a *stormy* annual meeting on Thursday. Rupert Hambro, the chairman, is expected to be sharply questioned over the roles of banks and advisers in the company's rescue.

The banks now exercise a large degree of control over Tiphook, after this year's agreement to support the company for a further four years. It is understood that, in exchange for rescheduling *Tiphook's £1 billion of debts*, the banks can immediately appoint receivers should Tiphook lapse into losses in any trading quarter.

Whether the banks, led by NatWest, Barclays and Germany's Kommerzbank, would take such action is uncertain, for Tiphook's break-up value would be unlikely to match its indebtedness. But Tiphook, which lost £331 million in its latest financial year, remains vulnerable to any trading downturn. City analysts acknowledge that Tiphook's sale of its container division this year was imperative to stave off collapse, but believe the *rump that remains may struggle* to meet interest payments.

A Tiphook spokesman declined to discuss the conditions that governed the company's relationship with its banks. "Clearly, support will have provisos attached to it," he said. "Details are between the company and its advisers."

Tiphook's directors can expect a barracking over the fees paid to certain advisers, including £3.5 million paid to Hambro Magan, which is part-owned by Mr Hambro's family. The fee was paid for arranging the £722 million sale of the container division to Transamerica of the US.

Questions are also expected on directors' remuneration, particularly that of Robert Montague, the chief executive and former chairman. Boardroom pay rose more than 60 per cent, to £6.4 million, last year.

EU call to cut budget deficits

From Wolfgang Münchau in Lindau

EUROPEAN finance and economics ministers underlined the need to reduce budget *deficits further*. They accepted the gist of a study, by the newly created European Monetary Institute, that concludes that budget and wage discipline are key factors behind low real interest rates.

The study, discussed at the informal Ecofin meeting, suggests that countries where real interest rates rose fastest from January to August have a history of lax budgetary policies and rising inflation in previous economic recoveries.

Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, endorsed the study. "Historic memory plays a part," he said. "The British have to prove that we can achieve sustainable growth with low inflation."

Henning Christophersen, the Economic Affairs Commissioner, predicted that the EU economies would grow by 2 per cent this year, compared with an earlier forecast of 1.6 per cent.

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Lord Mayor flies flag in US

By Robert Miller

THE City of London is "the most influential square mile in the world", Sir Paul Newall, the Lord Mayor of London, has told an audience of businessmen in California.

Speaking from Los Angeles yesterday, Sir Paul, who is on a three-week tour of the United States and Canada, said: "I have been promoting the fact that London is now the financial capital of Europe. The United States and Britain are the largest investors in each other's economies. American investment in Britain accounts for 850,000 jobs, and 40 per cent of all American investment in the European Union has been *in Britain.*"

He added that Britain accounts for more than 23 per cent of all foreign direct investment in the US, equivalent to more than $104 billion. British companies employ over 1 million Americans in the US.



Sir Paul: UK good on tax

Sir Paul said that decisions affecting the future prosperity of Britain and Europe were now being made in company boardrooms around the world. Such companies had "increasingly little concern for national boundaries". He added: "This trip should be seen alongside visits to Japan, South Korea, Saudi Arabia and other Gulf states."

The theme of the Lord Mayor's message to all his audiences is that the UK is a low-tax country with the lowest corporate tax rate, at 33 per cent, of major European nations. The rate is 34 per cent in France, 36 per cent in Italy and 50 per cent in Germany.

Now, Sir Paul said, the UK has the lowest unit-of-production labour costs. He pointed to a recent comparison of the UK with other European competitors by Teco Electric, a well-known East Asia company. "The UK won hands down on virtually all parameters — tax, productivity, unions, language and stability," Sir Paul said.

CHANGE ON WEEK

THE POUND

US dollar
1.5517 (+0.0057)
German mark
2.3896 (-0.0191)
Exchange index
78.6 (-0.2)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 share
2426.6 (-79.6)
FT-SE 100
3139.3 (-83.4)
New York Dow Jones
3874.81 (-10.77)
Tokyo Nikkei Avge
19897.88 (-755.95)

Answers from page 44

PEMPHIS
(b) A small tree of the genus so called, especially *Pemphis acidula*, belonging to the family Lythraceae, and found in coastal, tropical areas of Africa and Southern Asia, from the Greek *pemphis* a cloud. "The island [sc. Aldabra] rises only some 15 ft above the sea and is for the most part clothed with a terrible tangle of pemphis bush."

RHEXIS
(a) Medical jargon for the outpouring of blood through the *ruptured* wall of a blood vessel, from the Greek *rhexis, rhēgnumi* to break: "In some acute inflammation the capillary walls may give way, resulting in an extravasation of blood (rhexis) into the surrounding tissue."

RAMPSMAN
(b) One who commits robbery with violence, from *ramp* + *man*, cf. *cracksman*. M. Crichton, *the Great Train Robbery*, 1975: "Barlow was a reformed buzzer turned rampsman — a pickpocket who had degenerated to plain mugging."

RODHAM
(c) A raised bank in the Fen district of East Anglia, consisting of the bed and levees of a dry river-course which have been raised above the level of the adjacent land by deposition of silt, usually by the *incoming tide, and by compaction and lowering of the* adjacent peat soil. Of obscure formation. The spelling *roddon* was popularised by G Fowler in 1932, but the older form *rodham* remains in local use.

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE
1. . . . Qxf3!: 2. gxf3 Rdg8+: 3. Bg3 Rxg3+!: 4. hxg3 Bxf3 and mate on h1 is inevitable.

Heart beat

How to Make a Musical. *Radio 3, midday.*

The lyricist Don Black, presenting the first of six programmes, begins by declaring that, despite the title, he will definitely *not* be telling us how to make a musical. That, he says impishly, would be tantamount to doing himself out of a job. In any case, he goes on, master of the musical Stephen Sondheim has always maintained that musicals aren't written, they're rewritten. Black, whose musicals include *Sunset Boulevard*, is happy to leave it to his fellow lyricists to list some do's and don'ts of the song trade. Richard Stilgoe recalls what Alan J. Lerner once said: go through your lyrics after you've written them and take out as many "s" sounds as you can because they can annoy the ear. Charles Hart says some singers have problems with a "p" sound. Pleading can come across as bleeding.

Heart to Heart. *Radio 2, 2.00pm.*

Gloria Hunniford interviews a British Heart Foundation nursing officer, a Red Cross training officer, and an entertainer who has had heart problems. This afternoon's programme about diseases of the heart, and what can be done about them, is just one of several that Radio 2 is putting out today and tomorrow (see listings). I have heard three of the pre-recorded case histories that will be slotted in during this two-day coverage and I can tell you that they bring heart disease down to a level that will be comprehensible to anyone who has the sense to heed their warnings and to take their advice. The phone-in number is 0800 500800.

Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo. 4.00am Bruno Brookes 6.30 Steve Wright in the Morning 9.00 Simon Mayo 12.00 Emma Freud, including 12.30-12.45pm Newsbeat 2.00 Mark Goodier, including at 3.45 The Adventures of Superman 4.00 Nicky Campbell with Drivetime, including at 5.30-5.45 Newsbeat 7.00 Evening Session 9.00 Just for Laughs: Greg Proops makes his debut at the Montreal Comedy Festival 10.00 Mark Radcliffe 12.00-4.00am Lynn Parsons

RADIO 2

Heart to Heart: For advice on coronary heart disease, ring 0800 500800, between 10am and 9pm

FM Stereo. 6.00am Sarah Kennedy 6.15 Pause for Thought 7.30 Wake Up to Wogan 9.15 Pause for Thought 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Jimmy Young 2.00pm Gloria Hunniford: Sea Choice 3.30 Ed Stewart 5.05 Paul Heiney 7.00 Hubert Gregg 7.30 Campbell Burnap with Dance Band Days, and at 8.00 Big Band Era 8.30 Big Band Special 9.00 Humphrey Lyttelton 10.00 Voices: Manhattan Transfer 10.30 The Jamesons 12.05am Digby Fairweather 1.00 Steve Madden 3.00-6.00 Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports 6.00 The Breakfast Programme, incl at 6.55 and 7.55 Live Racing Preview 8.35 The Magazine, incl at 10.35 Europe News, and at 11.15 Actuality 12.00 Midday with Mair, including at 12.34pm Moneycheck 2.05 Russia on Five 4.00 John Inverdale Nationwide 7.00 News Extra, including at 7.20 sport 7.35 Glory Nights: the 1971 European Cup Winners' Cup Cup Final — Chelsea v Madrid 8.00 The Monday Match: Tottenham Hotspur v Southampton 10.05 Video Talk 11.00 Night Extra, incl at 12.45 The Financial World Tonight 12.05am The Other Side of Midnight 2.00 Up All Night

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST: 4.30am BBC English 4.45 Frühmagazin 5.00 News 6.00 News in German 6.03 Morgenmagazin 6.27 News in German 6.30 Europe Today 7.00 News 7.15 The Learning World 7.30 Daughters of Abraham 8.00 News 8.15 Off the Shelf 8.30 Liberation Now 9.00 News 9.10 Words of Faith 9.15 Health 9.30 Anything Goes 10.00 News 10.05 Business Report 10.15 Blues World 10.30 The Learning World 10.45 Sport 11.01 Daughters of Abraham 11.30 BBC English 11.45 Mittagsmagazin Noon News 12.30pm Composer of the Month: Chabrier 1.00 News 1.10 Words of Faith 1.15 Brain of Britain 1.45 Sports Roundup 2.00 News 3.05 Outlook 3.30 Off the Shelf 3.45 Mind Matters 4.00 News 4.15 BBC English 4.30 News in German 4.35 Heute Aktuell 5.00 News 5.15 BBC English 6.00 News 6.05 Business Report 6.15 The World Today 6.30 News and Features in German 8.00 News 8.05 Outlook 8.30 Europe Today 9.00 News 9.10 Words of Faith 9.15 The World Today 9.30 Vintage Chat 10.00 News 11.05 Business Report 11.15 Rock Salad 11.45 Sport Midnight News 12.30am Multitrack 1.00 News 1.15 A Jolly Good Show 2.00 News 2.05 Outlook 2.30 Folk 2.45 Health 3.00 News 3.30 Brain of Britain 4.00 News

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey 9.00 Henry Kelly 12.00 Susannah Simons 2.00pm Lunchtime Concerto 3.00 Jamie Crick 6.00 Classic Reports 7.00 A to Z of Classical Music 8.00 Evening Concert 10.00 Jane Markham 12.00-6.00am Robert Booth

VIRGIN 1215

6.00am Ross and Jono 9.00 Richard Skinner 12.00 Graham Dene 4.00pm Wendy Lloyd 7.00 Nick Abbot 10.00 N.J. Williams 2.00-6.00am Paul Coyte

RADIO 3

6.30am Open University: Management Matters: Oxford Executive Education 6.55 Weather 7.00 On Air, with Andrew McGregor. Vivaldi (Concerto for viola d'amore in D); Liszt (Transcendental Studies Nos 1 and 2); Bantock (Comedy Overture, the Pierrot of the Minute); Alain (Litanies); Strauss (Beim Schlafengehen, Four Last Songs); Ibert (Escales) 9.00 Composer of the Week: Emmanuel Chabrier (Impromptu in C; Ballade des gros dindons; Idylle; Les filles des trente ans; Danse villageoise; Bourée fantasque; Flach-Ton-Kan; Valucochard et Fils Premier) 10.00 Musical Encounters, with Piers Burton-Page. Holst (Choral Hymns from the Rig Veda); Martinů (Trio for flute, cello and piano); Haydn (Variations in F minor); Fauré (String Quartet in E minor); Artists of the Week: BBC Singers. Frank Martin (Songs of Ariel); Dvořák (Symphonic Variations, Op 78) 12.00 How to Make a Musical: See Choice 1.00pm Vegter String Quartet: Mozart (Quartet in D minor); Mendelssohn (Quartet in A minor, Op 13) 2.05 The BBC Orchestras: BBC National Orchestra of Wales under Tadeusz Otaka, with Alexander Ballila, cello. Dvořák (Cello Concerto in B minor); Elgar (Symphony No 1 in A flat) 3.45 Music for Organ: Music from *The Eighteen* by Bach (Stephen Cleobury, organ)

5.00 The Glitter is Jazz: Charles Alexander explores the walk of the pioneering American guitarists Eddie Durham and Charlie Christian 5.00 The Music Machine 5.15 In Tune, with Andrew Green. Smetana (Sarka, Ma Vlast); Schumann (Widmung); Ravel (Piano Concerto for the Left Hand); Villa-Lobos (Prelude No 2 in E) 7.30 South German Radio Symphony Orchestra under Christoph Eschenbach. Saint-Saëns (Piano Concerto No 5 in F; Egyptian: Svetoslav Richter); Ravel (Suite, Ma mère l'oye); Gershwin (Piano Concerto in F) 9.00 New Irelands: Robin McAuley presents the first of four discussions about contemporary Ireland. Edna O'Brien, Kevin Whelan and Luke Dodd discuss the cultural and social forces that are changing modern Ireland 9.20 Britten and Weill: Lucy Shelton, soprano, Ian Brown, piano; Britten Quartet perform Weill (String Quartet in B minor); Britten (On This Island, Op 11); Weill (Frauentanz, Op 10); Britten (String Quartet No 1 in D) 10.45 Mixing It: CD releases 11.30-12.30am Music Restored: Musikdreunde — Ana-Maria Rincon, soprano, Colin Lawson, clarinet, Neal Peres-da Costa, fortepiano — perform Spohr (Six German Songs, Op 103); Franz Paul Lachner (Auf Flügeln des Gesanges); Weber (Variations on a theme from Silvana, Op 33); Schubert (Der Hirt auf dem Felsen, D965)

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing, incl 6.03 Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day, with Henry Tanlet 6.30 Today, incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30, News 6.45 Business News 6.55, 7.55 Weather 7.25, 8.25 Sports News 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.40 Richard Matthewman 8.58 Weather 9.00 News 9.05 Start the Week 10.00-10.30 News; Worldly Wise (FM only): Peter Hobday hosts the etymology panel game 10.00 Daily Service (LW only) 10.15 Paradise Lost (LW only): Sixth part of John Milton's epic poem (r) 10.30 Woman's Hour: Jenni Murray meets the writer Maeve Binchy 11.30 Money Box Live: 071 580 4444, with Vincent Duggleby 12.00 News; You and Yours 12.25pm Round Britain Quiz: Today the Midlands team of Peter Oppenheimer and John Julius Norwich challenge the London team of Irene Thomas and Eric Korn 12.55 Weather 1.00 The World at One 1.40 The Archers 1.55 Shipping 2.00 News; A Per Cry from Brazil: In Robert East's comedy, the manager of Macclesborough FC is desperate for a win and so are the players, the fans and the directors. Unfortunately, their fate is in the hands of a referee who has got problems of his own. With Doug Fisher, John Biddeley, Steve Hodson and Keith Drinkel (r) 3.00 Anderson County 4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope

reviews *The Score and Strings, Bows and Bellows* on television; and Tim Ross reports from Bogota on a Colombian arts festival 4.45 Short Story: The Fortieth Step, by Gillian Tindall. Read by Tom Bevan 5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather 6.00 Six O'Clock News 6.30 The News Quiz (r) 7.00 News 7.05 The Archers 7.20 A Word to the Wise: How to Give the Perfect Dinner Party. Rosalind Miles looks at the history of advice on entertaining 7.45 The J.B. Priestley Season: The Good Companions. The Dinky Doos, an ailing theatrical troupe, are discovered by Miss Trant. Left a small legacy, she decides to take up the challenge of managing them. With Hannah Gordon, Bernard Cribbins, Christopher Scoular and Elizabeth Mansfield 9.45 Slow House: Jane Austen never lived there but she passed it often. The woman who lend No 1 Royal Crescent, Bath, can almost see her from the window 9.59 Weather 10.00 The World Tonight 10.45 Book at Bedtime: Northanger Abbey. Miranda Richardson reads part 11 of a 75-part adaptation of Jane Austen's novel 11.00 No Illusions: Francine Stock and guests in the final of this late-night discussions. 12.00-12.43am News, and 12.27 Weather 12.33 Shipping Forecast 12.43 As World Service (LW only)

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A major sister act, a minor culinary disaster

A slightly disarming moment occurred on yesterday's **Junior Masterchef** (BBC1). In one of those steaming, sizzling kitchenettes, Anneka Rice chummily asked a young teenage contestant: "Katy, are you calm?" "No!" blurted the girl, not looking up, still focused tightly on some whisking. It was a bit of a bombshell. "But presumably you've rehearsed this at home a few times," said Anneka. "So, is everything going according to plan?" "No!" said Katy. "Each time everything goes wrong!" "Oh, Katy!" wailed Anneka. "And I never get it done in the time," the girl continued, "and usually I can't get the almondine out, and the halibut falls to pieces."

It was an unusual admission, and you could sense the entire studio stiffen in alarm. What if Katy burst into tears, too? What if the halibut fell on the floor? What if she went berserk with a fish kettle? While her admission gained her lots of sympathy from the judges (Anneka, a practical woman, proposed a steadying gin and tonic), Katy had definitely transgressed a rule of showbiz, which is to smile though your heart is breaking. Compare the make-believe American chat-show host Larry Sanders (Garry Shandling), returned in the excellent **Larry Sanders Show**, late on Friday night (BBC2). "This show is a murderous, tortuous hell," he muttered, off air. "Hi!" he beamed. "Welcome back!"

All of which leads us to the big event of the weekend, **Pat and Margaret**, Victoria Wood's triumphant *Screen One* (BBC1), in which the phony big-heartedness of a live television show — *Magic Moments*, hosted by mumsy Maeve (Anne Reid) — brought together two surprised, long-lost sisters in a marathon glitzy hug, and then left them afterwards to clear up the spilt fish. And there was plenty of it on the lino, actually. Unacquainted for 27 years, the women had gone distinctly divergent ways and were now equally dismayed at this public reunion — the perfectly wigged Pat (Julie Walters) a lonely, imperious American soap star who adhered to a mango diet and treated fans with disdain ("Miss Bedford! We wrote to you in LA! We're the two diabetics from Ketteridge!"); *and the frightfully* permed Margaret (Victoria Wood), working in a motorway cafeteria *and cheerfully courting the lava*tory man ("You're in demand with that mop!").

It seems indelicate to mention it, but somehow lavatories were never far from centre stage — in the dialogue, if not on screen. Taken to an expensive London hotel for the night, Margaret pointed out, conversationally,

REVIEW



Lynne Truss

that the pot-pourri on top of the toilet would alone cost £4. "Even in the market, it would be £4." *Meanwhile the lugubrious Jim* (Duncan Preston) was a professional lavvy man, Pat's pregnant and forgetful PA Claire (Celia Imrie) was forever dashing off to relieve her bladder, and Jim's interfering Mum (Thora Hird on brilliant form) apparently had pure Harpic coursing through her veins. "What's the matter with you?" she snapped, when Jim looked agitated. "Do you want to go to the lavatory?"

Pat and Margaret was about how families resent you getting above yourself — with Jim's *mum* demonstrating the sort of motherhood that simply keeps her children tied to her lavatory chain. Margaret and Pat, once their guilts and resentments were edgily *reconciled in London*, went North in search of their own mother Vera, hoping to beat the newspapers *to a career-damaging story*. Long ago the hard-bitten Vera had dumped her kids and forgotten *them, in the same way* Margaret was dumped and forgotten after the TV show.

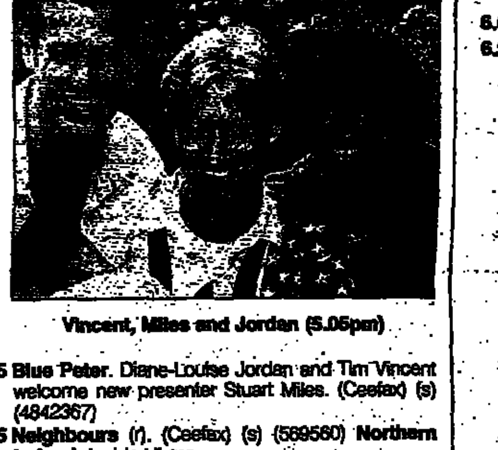
"Mum, did you ever love us?" asks Margaret, towards the end. Far from being a little old lady in a *nursing home (as* they had naively expected), Vera was now a face-lifted rich bitch on the run from a property scam. "I don't think so," says Vera briskly. "I don't think I knew what love was till I bred my first Afghan."

Beautifully directed by the reliable Gavin Millar, and with particularly good performances from Preston, Hird and Wood, *Pat and Margaret* had the inevitable Wood one-liners, but went far beyond *both the sketch-writing* and sketch-acting she is known for. "I might be too famous to talk to you *by then!" jokes Margaret* with considerable prescience, clambering aboard the coach bound for *Magic Moments*. Ambition and talent certainly drive wedges between people. In fact it is a *measure of Pat's incredible fame* that she talks to nobody, except in high-flown commandments that *don't make sense*. "The sooner you get a grip on that fact, the more likely you'll do so!" she bawls at a timid production assistant at *Magic Moments*. "I'm afraid there's been somewhat of a *virago*," she informs a bewildered Maeve. "Farrago?" suggests the timid assistant. "Fandango?" says Maeve.

Julie Walters had a pretty difficult job with this, starting off as a monster and then softening so thoroughly under pressure and humiliation (especially money deprivation) that before long she's eating fried bread in a northern caff and referring to her sister as "our Margaret". But I imagine few viewers will have cared at the end whether Pat emerged happy or not. The pleasure was in seeing Margaret, roused to an uncharacteristic dissatisfaction by Pat's success, finally demand what she really wanted: i.e. Jim the lavvy man. "How long can we piddle along like this?" she asked him, movingly. "I've never asked you for *anything*."

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (19541)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (31442183)
9.05 The Flintstones (r) (1387015) **9.30 Star Memories.** George Melly (r) (92164)
10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (8282367) **10.05 Home Thoughts from Abroad** (s) (5365270) **10.35 Model World** with Bob Symes (r) (5439909)
11.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (750947) ***11.05 Cagney and Lacey.*** Vintage detective series (r). (Ceefax) (4323164) **11.50 For the Love of It.** A series about people whose lives are ruled by passion, not profit. Today, an artist tells her story (8833831)
12.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (1428560) **12.05pm Big Day Out** (8632541) **12.55 Regional News** and Weather (16409676)
1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (20096)
1.30 Neighbours. *(Ceefax) (s) (53087657)* **1.50 Turnabout** with Rob Curling (s) (89619305)
2.20 Knots Landing. Glamorous *Dallas* spin-off (s) (9289560)
3.05 Burke's Backyard. Don Burke takes a light-hearted look at Barry Sheene's garden (2631367)
3.35 Cartoon *(3497763)* **3.45 Monster Cafe** (3474299) **4.00 The Chipmunks** (4870657) **4.10 The All New Popeye Show** (2583251) **4.30 Mighty Max** (1729265) **4.55 Newsround** (9970947)

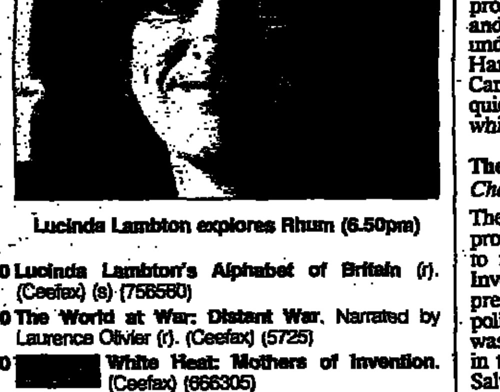


Vincent, Miles and Jordan (5.05pm)

5.05 Blue Peter. Diane-Louise Jordan and Tim Vincent welcome new presenter Stuart Miles. (Ceefax) (s) *(4842367)*
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (589560) **Northern Ireland:** Inside Ulster
***6.00 Six O'Clock News** (Ceefax) and weather (251)*
6.30 Regional news magazines (831) **Northern Ireland:** Neighbours
7.00 Telly Addicts presented by Noel Edmonds (s) (5251)
7.30 Watchdog with Anne Robinson. (Ceefax) (s) (265)
8.00 EastEnders. (Ceefax) (s) (1299)
8.30 2point4 Children. Comedy starring Belinda Lang and Gary Olsen. (Ceefax) (s) (3034)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (6192)
9.30 FILM: The Russia House (1990) starring Michelle Pfeiffer as a Russian who sends a dissolute British publisher (Sean Connery) a manuscript about Soviet defence systems. Directed by Fred Schepisi. *(Ceefax) (s) (54251)*
11.30 Film 94 with Barry Norman includes a location visit to the set of *The Browning Version*. (Ceefax) (s) *(80980)* **Wales:** *Fringe Benefit: A Captain's Innings* 12.20am Film 94 12.50-2.25 FILM: Romantic Comedy
12.00 FILM: Romantic Comedy (1983) starring Dudley Moore and Mary Steenburgen. A playwright tries to suppress his feelings for his female writing partner. Directed by Arthur Hiller (409435)
1.40am Weather (5469348). Ends at **1.45**
3.00-3.30 BBC Select: RCN Nursing Update (84481)

BBC2

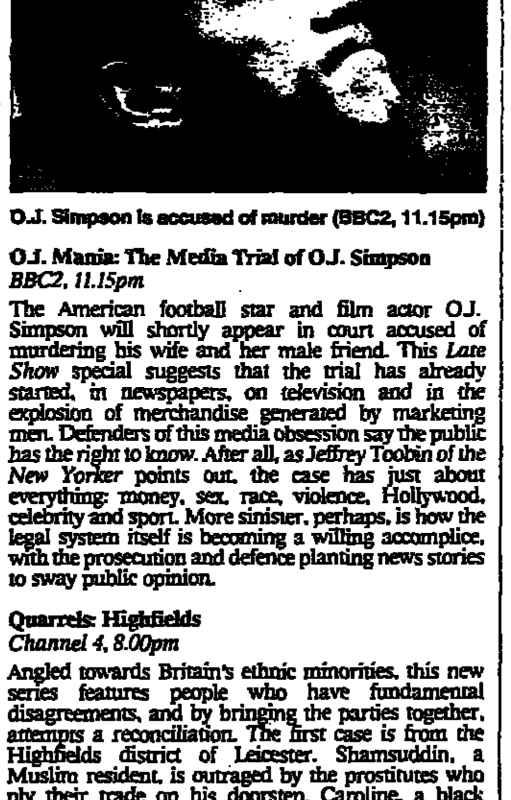
6.20am Open University
8.00 Breakfast News. (Ceefax and signing) (8353693)
8.15 Pinocchio (r) (7630015) **8.40 Babar** (r) (3883744)
9.05 Breakout (8650638) **9.10 A Week to Remember** (b/w) (1917386) **9.20 Grand Prix** (r) (9071034)
10.00 Playdays (s) (5383676)
10.25 FILM: Beyond the Rockies (1932, b/w) starring Tom Keene. A notorious gunman foils a stagecoach raid. Directed by Fred Allen (8610164)
11.15 FILM: The Lovable Cheat (1949, b/w) starring Charles Ruggles. Directed by Richard Oswald (3059638)
12.30pm The World About Us: The Tea and Sugar (r) (6680021)
1.20 Charlie Chalk (r) (44915183) **1.35 Dream Merchants of Asia.** Taiwan (89690270)
2.00 News (Ceefax) and weather followed by **Songs of Praise** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (9283386)
2.40 A Week to Remember (b/w) (r) (5620522)
2.50 The Secret Gardens (s) (5659034)
***3.00 News** (Ceefax) and weather followed by* **Charlie Chaplin: The Little Tramp** (r) (8619947)
3.45 A Day That Shook the World. Tiananmen Square *massacre on June 4, 1989 (8412522)* **3.50 News** (Ceefax), regional news and weather (8433015)
4.00 FILM: Earl Carroll Vanities (1945, b/w). Vintage *musical starring* Constance Moore. Directed by Joseph Santley (37947)
5.30 Italy Means Business: Better By Design. The work of Alberto Alessi (s) (980)
6.00 Murphy Brown. (Ceefax) (s) (810947)
6.25 The Fresh Prince of Bel Air (s) (900034)



Lucinda Lambton explores Rhum (6.50pm)

6.50 Lucinda Lambton's Alphabet of Britain (r). (Ceefax) (s) (756560)
7.00 The World at War: Distant War. Narrated by Laurence Olivier (r). (Ceefax) (5725)
8.00 [redacted] **White Heat: Mothers of Invention.** (Ceefax) (666305)
8.50 Peter York on Souvenirs (r) (s) (474034)
9.00 FILM: Martha, Ruth and Edie (1988). Drama starring Jennifer Dale, Andrea Martin and Lois Maxwell. Directed by D.J. Suissa, N. Bailey and D.M. Saltzman. (Ceefax) (5473)
10.30 Newsnight. (Ceefax) (459299)
11.15 [redacted] **The Late Show: O.J. Mania – The Media Trial of O.J. Simpson** (s) (967928)
11.55 Weather (764638)
12.00 Jasper Johns' Flag (24416). End at **12.30am**

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O.J. Simpson is accused of murder (BBC2, 11.15pm)

O.J. Mania: The Media Trial of O.J. Simpson
BBC2, 11.15pm

The American football star and film actor O.J. Simpson will shortly appear in court accused of murdering his wife and her male friend. This *Late Show* special suggests that the trial has already started, in newspapers, on television and in the explosion of merchandise generated by marketing men. Defenders of this media obsession say the public has the right to know. After all, as Jeffrey Toobin of the *New Yorker* points out, the case has just about everything: money, sex, race, violence, Hollywood, celebrity and sport. More sinister, perhaps, is how the legal system itself is becoming a willing accomplice, with the prosecution and defence planting news stories to sway public opinion.

Quarrels: Highfields
Channel 4, 8.00pm

Angled towards Britain's ethnic minorities, this new series features people who have fundamental disagreements, and by bringing the parties together, attempts a reconciliation. The first case is from the Highfields district of Leicester. Shamsuddin, a Muslim resident, is outraged by the prostitutes who ply their trade on his doorstep. Caroline, a black prostitute, retorts that the street corner is her patch and she is not going to move. The two meet face to face under the calming mediation of a journalist, Hameed Haroon. Arrogant, aggressive and without shame, Caroline is the clear winner, making Shamsuddin's quiet plea for a clean and decent neighbourhood sound *whingeing and unreasonable.*

The Bureau: The Price of Freedom
Channel 4, 9.00pm

The balance between guarding national security and protecting civil rights may be a fine one but according to this persuasive account, the Federal Bureau of Investigation has too often got it wrong. The film presents a long catalogue of FBI attacks against political groups of which it disapproved. In the 1950s it was communists, in the 1960s student protesters and in the 1980s opponents of United States policy in El Salvador. The actress Jean Seberg was smeared by the *FBI* because of her *association with the Black* Panthers. According to her sister, this probably hastened her suicide. The villain of the programme is J. Edgar Hoover, who ran the FBI for 48 years and whose ghost continues to haunt it.

White Heat: Mothers of Invention
BBC2, 8.00pm

The series on technology asks a pertinent question, never quite answers it but provides much food for thought along the way. The question is what drives inventors and inventions. Is it market forces, human need or individual genius? The disposable nappy may be an unusual place to start but, as the film reveals, the technology is complex and the business implications enormous. Alexander Graham Bell's telephone is offered as an example of something nobody thought they needed until they had it. The laser shows how technology devised for one purpose came to be used for others. The "death ray" of Ronald Reagan's Star Wars is also the key to the supermarket price scanner and the compact disc.

Peter Waymark

CARLTON

6.00am GMTV (48541)
9.25 Supermarket Sweep (s) (1383299) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) (5360725)
10.00 The Time . . . The Place. Live discussion with John Stapleton (s) (9697164)
10.35 This Morning (97747096) **12.20pm London Today** (Teletext) (1424744)
12.30 ITN Lunchtime News (Teletext) (9589676)
12.55 Coronation Street (r) (Teletext) (9564367)
1.25 Home and Away (Teletext) (68006725)
1.55 Capital Woman (s) (89603744)
2.25 A Country Practice (s) (20567015) **2.50 The Young Doctors** The nurses hatch a plot (2477831)
3.20 ITN News headlines (Teletext) (9656386) **3.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (9655657)
3.30 Rainbow (r) (3473560) **3.40 Tots TV** (s) (8431657) **3.50 Taz-Mania** (r) (s) (8420541) **4.00 Sooty and Co** (s) (9129265) **4.25 Transylvania Pet Shop** (s) (2597454) **4.50 How 2.** Facts and fun (5589270)
5.10 After 5 (Teletext) (4869034)
5.40 News (Teletext) and weather (179096)
5.55 Your Shout. Video soapbox (511164)
6.00 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (947)
6.30 London Tonight (Teletext) (299)
7.00 The Russ Abbot Show. Comic characters, sketches and music (8837)

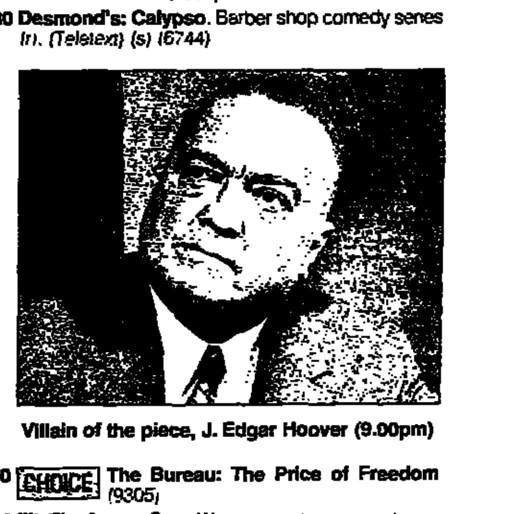


Sarah Lancashire and Julie Goodyear (7.30pm)

7.30 Coronation Street. Bet finds Raquel working in a Croydon pub. (Teletext) (183)
8.00 Wheel of Fortune. Nicky Campbell and Carol Smillie invite three more contestants to spin the giant roulette wheel (6367)
8.30 World in Action: The Man Who Paid the Bill. The team investigates allegations of police corruption whereby criminals are able to purchase lenient sentences (s) (8102)
***9.00 FILM: Flatliners** (1990) starring Kiefer Sutherland,* Julia Roberts and Kevin Bacon. Director Joel Schumacher delves into the afterlife as medical students experiment with death. Continues after the news (1763)
10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (74270) **10.30 London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (949947)
10.40 FILM: Flatliners. The conclusion of this evening's film premiere (3719270)
11.45 The Equalizer (r) (325928)
12.40am The Little Picture Show Mariella Frostrup discusses the film *Shadowlands* with director Sir Richard Attenborough and actress Debra Winger (9297597)
1.40 Endsleigh League Football Extra (3424110)
2.25 *Nigel Mansell's IndyCar 94* *The 14th round from* Elkhart Lake (8732684)
3.20 Sport AM. Bob Symonds presents motorcycling and powerboat action (8091085)
4.15 Profile (s) (81275077)
4.30 Videofashion. Success stories (83706)
***5.00 Hollywood Report** (r) (s) (55435)*
5.30 ITN Morning News (49771). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.35am Little Dracula (r) (5558893)
7.00 The Big Breakfast (43947)
9.00 You Bet Your Life (r) (91947)
9.30 Evening Shade American comedy series starring Burt Reynolds and Marilu Henner (18102)
10.00 FILM: Champagne Charlie (1944, b/w) starring Tommy Trinder and Stanley Holloway. Comedy musical about rival vaudeville stars who continue their feuding off-stage as well as on. Directed by Alberto Cavalcanti (91433893) **11.55 Yorkshire Ditty** Vintage British animation (8101676)
12.00 Profiles of Nature: The Greater Sandhill Crane The life-cycle of the sandhill crane, from courtship dance to migration (r) (71183)
12.30pm Sesame Street Early-learning series, with a guest appearance by Jodie Foster (r) (35096)
1.30 Katie and Orbie. Animation (28589)
2.00 FILM: Four's a Crowd (1938, b/w) starring Errol Flynn and Olivia de Havilland. Comedy about a press agent who falls for a millionaire client's daughter. Directed by Michael Curtiz (423928)
3.40 Trailblazer. Mr Magoo in *Trailblazer Magoo* and *Gumshoe Magoo* (3468638)
3.55 Garden Club (r) (Teletext) (3107015)
4.30 Countdown. Words and numbers game with Richard Whiteley. Play with *The Times*, and win up to £1,000 each day (Teletext) (s) (116)
5.00 The Late Late Show. Topical discussion from Dublin, hosted by Gay Byrne (s) (3760)
6.00 Babylon 5: A Voice in the Wilderness, Part 2. American sci-fi adventure series. (Teletext) (s) (694367)
6.50 Mighty Mouse. Cartoon capers (758928)
7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (323283)
7.50 The Slot. Viewers' access series (234183)
8.00 CHOICE ***Quarrels: Highfields*** *(Teletext)* (4909)
8.30 Desmond's: Calypso. Barber shop comedy series *(r). (Teletext) (s) (6744)*



Villain of the piece, J. Edgar Hoover (9.00pm)

9.00 CHOICE **The Bureau: The Price of Freedom** (9305)
10.00 I'll Fly Away *Sam Waterston stars in a drama* series set in the American Deep South during the civil rights movement. (Teletext) (s) (866305)
10.55 The American Football Big Match. From Arrowhead Stadium, Kansas City, where the Chiefs take on the San Francisco 49ers. Plus action from the Houston Oilers v the Dallas Cowboys, and the Arizona Cardinals v the New York Giants (5584299)
12.15am Transworld Sport (r) (736619)
1.15 Halfway to Paradise Scottish arts and entertainment with Wray Gun and the Rockets, Edwin Starr, the Chimes, and Wild Bill Hickock (r) (s) (725503)
2.15 FILM: Forbidden (1932, b/w) starring Barbara Stanwyck and Adolphe Menjou. Soap opera about a spinster schoolteacher who begins a doomed affair with a married politician whom she meets on a cruise. Frank Capra directs (243139). Ends **3.45**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Anglia News (5360725) **12.20pm-12.30** Anglia News (1424744) **1.55** A Country Practice (53075812) **2.20** Yan Can Cook (20559096) **2.50-3.20** Blockbusters (2477831) **3.25-3.30** Anglia News (9655657) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (4869034) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (204893) ***11.45 Nigel Mansell's*** IndyCar 94 (510763) **12.45am** Coach (86868) **1.15** Endsleigh League Football Extra (4818232) **1.55** Sport AM (2877226) ***2.55*** *Hot Wheels (2199394)* ***3.25*** The Beat (3725023) **4.15** Country Show (34961) **4.45** Jobfinder (88746868) **5.00-5.30** America's Top Ten (55435)

CENTRAL

As London except: 1.55pm A Country Practice (53075812) **2.20** Yan Can Cook (20559096) **2.50-3.20** *Blockbusters* (2477831) **3.25-3.30** Central News (9655657) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (4869034) **6.25-7.00** Central News and Weather (204893) **11.45-12.40am** The Monday Night Fight (325928) **4.15am** Jobfinder (5526313) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (2203435)

HTV WEST

As London except: 9.55-10.00 ITN News Headlines (5360725) **12.20pm-12.30** HTV West News (1424744) **1.55** A Little of What You Fancy (2645980) **3.10-3.20** Cartoon Time (6375831) **3.25-3.30** HTV West Headlines (9655657) **5.10-5.40** Movies, Games and Videos (4869034) **5.55** Home and Away (565744) **6.25-7.00** HTV News (204893) **11.45** First Cut (998908) **12.15am** Love and War (87597) **12.45** Coach (86868) **1.15** *Endsleigh League Football Extra (4818232)* **1.55** Sport AM (2877226) **2.55** Hot Wheels (2199394) **3.25** The Beat (3725023) **4.15** Country Show (34961) **4.45** Jobfinder *(88746868)* ***5.00-5.30*** *America's Top Ten* (55435)

HTV WALES

As HTV WEST except: 12.20pm-12.30 HTV News (1424744) **3.25-3.30** HTV News (9655657) **5.10-5.40** The Gen (4869034) **6.25-7.00** Wales Tonight (204893) **10.30-10.40** HTV News (949947) **11.45-12.15pm** Leekes Celtic Challenge (998909)

MERIDIAN

As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Meridian News and Weather (5360725) **12.20pm-12.30** Meridian News and Weather (1424744) **1.55** A Country Practice (53075812) **2.20** *Up Front* (20559096) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (2477831) **3.25-3.30** Meridian News and Weather (9655657) ***5.10*** Home and Away (4869034) **5.37-5.40** Three *Minutes — The Listings* (531928) ***6.00*** Meridian Tonight (947) **6.30-7.00** Spirit of the South (299) ***10.30-10.40*** *Meridian News* and Weather (949947) **11.45-12.40am** Murder, She Wrote (325928) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen (55435)

TYNE TEES

As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (53075812) **2.20-2.50** Travel Trails (20559096) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (4869034) **5.55** Tyne Tees Today (244386) **6.30-7.00** The Dales Diary (299) **11.45** Prisoner: Cell Block H (325928) **12.40am** Nigel Mansell's IndyCar 94 (2731508) **1.10** Goliath and the Barbarians (8588078) ***2.40*** The New Music (5103077) **3.40** ITV Chart Show (9367416) **4.35-5.30** Jobfinder (1932145)

WESTCOUNTRY

As London except: 1.55 Gardening Time (89803744) **2.25-2.55** The Young Doctors (20558367) ***5.10-5.40*** *Home and Away* (4869034) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (59657) **11.40** Phoenix (780314) **12.40am** IndyCar 94 (6721869) **1.15** Endsleigh *League Football Extra (4818232)* ***1.55*** *Sport* AM (2877226) **2.55** Hot Wheels (2199394) **3.25** The Beat (3725023) **4.15** Country Show (34961) **4.45** *Jobfinder (88746868)* **5.00-5.30** *America's Top Ten (55435)*

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice *(53075812)* ***2.20-2.50*** *Travel Trails* (20559096) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (4869034) **5.55** Calendar (244386) **6.30-7.00** Local Heroes (299) **11.45** Prisoner: Cell Block H (325928) ***12.40am*** *IndyCar 94* (2731508) **1.10** Goliath and the Barbarians (8588078) **2.40** The New Music (5103077) **3.40** ITV Chart Show (9367416) **4.35-5.30** Jobfinder (1932145)

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Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (43947) **9.00** You Bet Your Life *(91947)* **9.30** Evening Shade: Ava Takes a Shower, Part Two (18102) **10.00** Champagne Charlie (91433893) **11.55** Yorkshire Ditty (8101676) **12.00pm** Opening Shot: Flamenco (71163) **12.30** Slot Meithrin Ty Chwith (29218) **1.00** Decisions Decisions (46034) **1.30** Blossom: Papa's Little Dividend (26589) **2.00** All Through the Night (894367) **3.55** Profiles of Nature (7007589) **4.25** Batman: Dizzonner the Penguin (1181909) ***5.00*** 5 Pump — Cracabant (5327744) **5.15** 5 Pump — Syth 94 (1592893) **5.30** Countdown (676) **6.00** Newyddion 6/ News (882015) **6.20** Heno (227744) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (8589) **7.30** Sgorio (86015) **8.30** Newyddion/news (8744) **9.00** Tard Naw (9812) **9.30** Frasier: Fortysomething (80414) **10.00** I'll Fly Away: Rules of My Heart (866305) **10.55** The American Football Big Match (5584299) **12.15am** Irma in Oz (736619)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

6.00am The DJ Kat Show (80042386) **8.45** Cartoons (4837164). **9.30** Card Sharks (38522) **10.00** Concentration (35454) **10.30** Love at First Sight (49676) **12.00** The Urban Peasant (20473) **12.30pm** E Street (47638) **1.00** Falcon Crest (35893) **2.00** Hart to Hart (36183) **3.00** Another World (1383218) **3.50** The DJ Kat Show (5328388) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (8980) **6.00** Gamesworld (4893) **6.30** Blockbusters (8473) **7.00** E Street (8909) **7.30** M*A*S*H (4657) **8.00** *Melrose Place (62378)* **9.00** The She-Wolf of London (83454) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (86541) **11.00** David Letterman (211251) **11.45** Battlestar Galactica *(145473)* ***12.45am*** *Barney Miller (15918)* **1.15-1.45** Night Court (25771)

SKY NEWS

News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (2623034) **9.30** Roving Report (6894893) **10.10** 60 Minutes *(4845763)* **1.30pm** CBS News (43102) **2.30** The Book Show (7186454) **3.10** 60 Minutes (8141473) **5.00** Live at Five (447676) **7.30** Special Report (2239) **9.30** Talkback (58744) ***11.30*** *CBS News (23812)* **12.30am** ABC World News (41394) **1.30** Special Report (59874) **2.30** Travel Destinations (68409) **3.30** Talkback (43145) **4.30** Special Report (48597) *5.30-6.00 CBS News (89313)*

SKY MOVIES

6.00am Showcase (9099947)
10.00 Beyond the Poseidon Adventure. As 8pm (41454)
12.00 Legend of the White Horse (1985): Sci-fi with Christopher Lloyd (467102)
1.50pm Murder on the Orient Express (1974): Agatha Christie whodunit (26515386)
4.00 American Flyers (1985): Two brothers enter a bicycle race (3612)
6.00 Beyond the Poseidon Adventure (1979): Irwin Allen's saga (97657)
8.00 Don't Tell Mom the Babysitter's Dead (1991): Comedy with Christina Applegate and Joanna Cassidy (92102)
10.00 Kickboxer (1989): Martial arts action with Jean-Claude Van Damme (733454)
11.45 Footloose (1984): Kevin Bacon moves to a small town, where dancing is banned. With John Lithgow (954270)
1.35am Perfect Family (1992): A brother and sister cope with past traumas (2816787)
3.05 Shadows and Fog (1992): Woody Allen investigates a murder (1118329)
4.30 Legend of the White Horse: As 12 noon (36752). Ends at **6.00**

SKY MOVIES GOLD

6.00pm Duel at Diablo (1966) Western about a racially mixed Cavalry unit (82763)
8.00 Spacehunter: Adventures in the Forbidden Zone (1983): Sci-fi adventure with Peter Strauss (38779473)
9.35 Frances (1982): Jessica Lange as the 1930s actress Frances Farmer (23437218). Ends at **12.00**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am The New Adventures of Oliver Twist: Animation (86909)
8.00 Rover Dangerfield. As 4pm (58305)
10.00 *D-day: The Sixth of June* (1956). Second World War drama (49096)
12.00 Miracle on 34th Street (1947) The story of a department store Santa Claus who *may or may not be the real thing* (330744)
2.00pm Kings of the Sun (1963). Epic western drama, with Yul Brynner (12873)
4.00 Rover Dangerfield (1992). Adventures *of the cartoon dog (31055154)*
5.55 Cool as Ice (1991): Rap star Vanilla Ice's film debut as a motorcycling singer who disrupts a small town (51426560)
7.30 UK Top Ten *(7387)*
8.00 The Flood: Who Will Save Our Children? (1993): Fact-based story about children at a summer camp stranded by *floodwater. With Joe Spano (30589657)*
9.45 Batman Returns (1992): Michael Keaton returns as the hero of Gotham City. With Danny DeVito (13867831)
11.50 Leon the Pig Farmer (1992): British comedy about a young Jewish estate agent who discovers his father is a Yorkshire pig farmer. With Brian Glover (222218)
1.35am Near Mrs (1991): Farce with Judge Reinhold as a bigamist who becomes involved in a kidnapping (843418)
3.10 Payoff (1991): Action thriller with Keith Carradine taking revenge on the mafia for his parents' murder (15625836). Ends at **5.00**

SKY SPORTS

7.00am Watersports (45693) **8.00** World Sport (63003) **8.30** Ladies' Golf (13544) **9.30** Aerobics Oz Style (52657) **10.00** Big League (32893) **12.00** Aerobics Oz Style (13580) **12.30pm** Super Sunday (67270) **2.30** One to One (7522) **3.00** World Sport (8386) **3.30** NBA Basketball (9387) **4.00** Speed and Beauty (1102) **4.30** Windsurfing (7386) **5.00** WWF Mania (3831) **6.00** Soccer News (807580) **6.15** Sky Sports Classics (800638) **6.30** Fishing the West (2831) **7.00** Live Football: Spurs v Southampton (5620742) **11.00** Soccer News (98812) **11.15** Fishing the West (173096) **11.45** Sky Sports Classics (172367) **12.00-2.00am** Football: Spurs v Southampton (26961)

EUROSPORT

7.30am *Step Aerobics (11386)* **8.00** Athletics: World Cup (82763) **10.00** Motorcycling (95170) **11.00** Indycar (20034) **12.00** Formula One: Italian Grand Prix (60676) **1.00pm** Motorcycling: USA Grand Prix (12164) **2.30** Live Cycling (27831) **3.30** Formula One Italian Grand Prix (24152) **4.30** Indycar (52541) **5.30** Motorcycling. USA Grand Prix (42638) **6.30** News (4239) **7.00** Speedworld (12015) **9.00** Boxing: Thai Boxing (38928) **10.00** Eurogoals (15251) **11.30** Eurogolf *(61638)* **12.30-1.00am** News (97862)



Table talk in *Man About the House* (UK Gold, 2.30pm and 8.30pm)

UK GOLD

7.00am *The Sullivans* (6873251) **7.30** Neighbours (6892386) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (3028744) **8.30** EastEnders (3027015) **9.00** The Bill (3018367) **9.30** One *by One (7825218)* **10.30** *The Duchess of* Duke Street (98320847) **11.35** The Sullivans (90484102) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (3021831) **12.30pm** Neighbours (7942270) ***1.00*** *EastEnders (6872522)* **1.30** *The Bill* (7941541) **2.00** George and Mildred (3578454) **2.30** Man About the House (6877034) **3.00** Knots Landing (2014251) **4.00** Dynasty (2033386) **5.00** Every Second Counts (6891298) **5.40** The Goodies (6546367) **5.55** Sykes (3207947) **6.30** EastEnders (6869015) **7.00** The Two Ronnies (3380164) **8.00** Life Without George (2538218) **8.30** Man About the House (3577725) **9.00** Tenko (3319676) **10.00** The Bill (3022560) **10.30** Top of the Pops: The 1980s (1801855) **11.10** Gangsters (9801657) **12.10am** Dr Who (2565384) **12.40** Call Me Mister (7172955) **1.40-2.00** Candid Camera (43429145)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL

6.00am Raskan II (4671893) **6.15** The Adventures of Teddy Ruxpin (722251) **6.45** Casper and Friends (721522) **7.15** Eek the Cat (751763) **7.45** Saved by the Bell (750034) **8.15** Head to Head in 3D (7438657) **8.25** Super Mario Brothers (7843541) **8.50** Titou (1287744) **9.00** It's Droibee Time (75857) **10.00** Teddy Trucks (15298) **11.00** Kitty Cats (48831) **11.30** Barney and Friends (49560) **12.00** Raskan II (57638) **12.30pm** Eek the Cat (80831) **1.00** Saved by the Bell (86251) **1.30** Head to Head in 3D (58149980) **1.40** Super Mario Brothers (36196152) **2.00** Babar (1251) **2.30** Madeline (9522) **3.00** Tic Tac (5245522) **3.15** Around the World in Eighty Seconds (342164) **3.45** Cadillacs and Dinosaurs (374763) **4.15** Head to Head in 3D (8960676) **4.30** Babysitters' Club (9386)

NICKELODEON

7.00am Grimmy (45675) **7.30** Rocko (6147675) **7.45** Rugrats (109386) **8.15** Ren and Stimpy (1248183) **8.30** Slimer (33034) **9.00** Nick Jr (296299) **12.00** Pee-Wee's Playhouse (73562) **12.30pm** Muppets (54015) **1.00** Doug (95116) **1.30** Alvin (53386) **2.00** *Denver (7893)* **2.30** Smoggies (5164) **3.00** Slimer (6928) **3.30** Carmen Sandiego (7909) **4.00** Grimmy (9744) **4.30** Rugrats (5928) **5.00** Clarissa Explains It All *(1473)* ***5.30*** *Doug (9960)* ***6.00*** *Are You Afraid of the Dark?* (6893) **6.30-7.00** Joe 90 (6283)

DISCOVERY

4.00pm Crawl Into My Parlour (6866928) **4.30** The World of Volcanoes (6855812) **5.00** A Fork in the Road (3590676) **5.30** Terra X (6846164) **6.00** Beyond 2000 (7958831) **7.00** Paramedics (3570812) **7.30** For Real (6856541) **8.00** Spirits of the Rainforest (3391270) **10.00** Search for Adventure (3310305) **11.00** Secret Weapons (2032657) **11.30-12.00** Spirit of Survival (8486096)

BRAVO

12.00 FILM: Catch Us If You Can (1965) Offbeat comedy featuring the Dave Clark Five (8499102) **2.00** The Avengers (8487367) **3.00** My Three Sons (3583657) **3.30** The Beverly Hillbillies (6874947) **4.00** FILM: Trottie True (1949). A showgirl marries into the aristocracy (3586473) **6.00** Get Smart (6863831) **6.30** Cannon (1229367) **7.30** The Invisible Man (6860367) **8.00** The Avengers (3384980) **9.00** Garry Shandling (2024638) **9.30** FILM. Passport to Shame (1958) A taxi-driver marries a French girl (9472744) **11.30-12.00** The Pat Patrol (8475522)

UK LIVING

6.00am Anne and Nick (9082589) **8.00** Fighting Back (3233034) **8.30** Women Mean Business (3232305) **9.00** Masterchef (3223657) **9.30** Now You See It (2980947) **10.00** Trivia Trap (7428541) **10.30** Definition (3212541) **11.00** Young and the Restless (8315102) **12.00** The Look (3203893) **12.30pm** Practical Living (51766095) **12.45** Kilroy (9837706) **1.30** On the House (2983034) **2.00** Agony Hour (7422270) **3.00** Living Magazine (7946744) **3.45** Gladrags and Glamour (71544164) **4.00** Infatuation UK (9789657) **4.30** Definition (73710541) **4.55** Madhur Jaffrey (2647522) **5.30** Kate and Allie (9769893) **6.00** Maternal World (9799034) **6.30** Musiquest (9780386) **7.00** Living Magazine (8273541) **8.00** The Young and the Restless (8299589) **9.00** FILM: Prison for Children (1966). A brutal prison regime is changed by a new superintendent (48010164) **10.50** Enjoy! (6527251) **11.00** *Infatuation UK* (2222909) **11.30-12.00** *Maternal World* (7424725)

FAMILY CHANNEL

5.00pm Tintin (5831) **5.30** Jeux Sans Frontieres (57657) **6.30** Through the Keyhole (4831) **7.00** Trivial Pursuit (2967) **7.30** The Mighty Jungle (8365) **8.00** The Road to Avonlea (63628) **9.00** Moonlighting (76102) **10.00** Catchphrase (58367) **10.30** GP (67015) **11.00** Lou Grant (19928) **12.00** Rhoda (66400) **12.30-1.00am** Big Brother Jake (26346)

MTV

5.00am Wildside (584481) **8.00** VJ Ingo (190541) **11.00** Soul (97893) **12.00** Greatest Hits (88096) **1.00** VJ Simone (78744) **2.30** Model Special (34218) **3.30** Report (2325299) **3.45** Movies (2313454) **4.00** News **4.15** 3 from 1 (8962034) **4.30** Dial MTV (1744) **5.00** Hit List UK (70589) **7.00** Greatest Hits (89676) **8.00** Unplugged With Tony Bennett (65096) **9.00** Live! (37725) **9.30** Beavis and Butt-Head (89725) **10.00** Report (900560) **10.15** Movies (905015) **10.30** News **10.45** 3 from 1 (753102) **11.00** Hit List UK (28947) **1.00am** VJ Marijne (71145) **2.00-5.00** Videos (2259868)

TV ASIA

6.00am Persian Dawn (40473) **7.00** Asian Morning (23218) **9.00** Serial Chand Gerhan (62183) **10.00** Pakistani Movie (812251) **1.00pm** Serial Sona Chandi (26305) **1.30** Hindi Movie (746744) **4.30** Kiddie Time (6812) **5.00-6.00** TVA and You (8164) **7.00** BBCD (8909) **7.30** New Serial (6657) **8.00** English News (387909) **8.15** *Hindi Movie* (98535305) **11.15** Serial (527299) **12.05-1.35am** Five Past Midnight (9736690)

CARTOON NETWORK/TNT

Continuous cartoons from 5am to 7pm, then TNT films as below.
Theme: Spotlight on Jane Powell
7.00pm Rich, Young and Pretty (1951). A Texan girl travels to Paris (94860589)
8.45 A Date With Judy (1948) Musical comedy with Elizabeth Taylor (43703763)
10.55 Three Daring Daughters (1948): A fashion editor falls in love (17194725)
1.05am Athena (1954) Two sisters *introduce their boyfriends to their eccentric* family. With Debbie Reynolds (67284313)
2.55 Two Weeks With Love (1950): Debbie Reynolds and Ricardo Montalban have a *holiday romance (78044858). Ends at 5.00*

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BUSINESS EDITOR LINDSAY COOK

Peer may have hired investigators

Archer under pressure to clarify deals

BY MELVYN MARCKUS, CITY EDITOR

MOUNTING revelations over the Archer affair — including reports that Lord Archer may have sought the services of a Mayfair-based firm of private investigators — will intensify pressure on the multi-millionaire novelist to clarify his controversial role in the purchase of shares in Anglia Television immediately before MAI's £300 million takeover bid.

Michael Heseltine, the President of the Board of Trade, has ruled out publication of the inspectors' report into Lord Archer's share dealings on behalf of his associate Broosk Saib, but the Department of Trade and Industry has removed its gag which prevented parties from discussing the investigation while it was taking place.

The DTI has let it be known that because the matter is now in the public domain (something of an understatement) there is no reason why the parties involved, such as Lord Archer, his wife Mary, who is a non-executive director of Anglia, and Mr Saib should *not reveal details of the evidence* they gave the inspectors.

The sole constraint is that any such pronouncements must relate to the individual's evidence rather than matters gleaned as a result of the investigation. A DTI spokesman said: "They are permitted to say what they said to the inspectors but must not impart what they may have heard via the inquiry."

Robin Cook, Labour's shadow Trade and Industry Secretary, led calls for Mr Heseltine to publish the Archer report — subject to consent from all parties involved — and can be expected to switch pressure to Lord Archer, who has recently been promoting his new book in the Far East, away from the UK limelight.

The weekend brought allegations that Lord Archer, presumably anxious to discover the source of leaks regarding his share dealings, has called on the services of Network Security, a firm of private investigators based in Mayfair. Ironically, Network is controlled by Hambros Bank, of which Lord Hollick, the Labour peer who chairs MAI, is a non-executive director.

The two inspectors appointed by the DTI to investigate the affair have now been identified. Roger Kaye, a barrister who specialises in commercial litigation, joined forces with Hugh Aldous, managing partner of City accountants Robson Rhodes, in the inquiry, which began in February, after the Stock Exchange's insider dealing unit had sent a dossier to the DTI.

News of the inquiry was disclosed by *The Times* on July 8. A few weeks later, Mr Heseltine decided that the DTI "should take no further action against any of the parties concerned in the investigation". Mr Aldous, currently holidaying in the South of France, has refused to comment on the Archer case but, speaking in general terms about DTI investigations, he is quoted in yesterday's *Sunday Times* as saying: "It is an inspector's job to produce a report. If the Department of Trade and Industry, with all its lawyers, wants to let someone off, it is up to them."



Lord Archer: pressure

It has also emerged that directors of Anglia TV were reminded that they should disclose any share dealings carried out by close relatives only months before Lord Archer acquired 50,000 shares in Mr Saib's name though Charles Stanley, the firm of stockbrokers. Anglia directors were originally asked in 1992 to confirm by letter that they had informed "connected persons" of their obligation to disclose share deals. They were reminded of these rules last autumn, before Anglia embarked on abortive merger talks with Yorkshire TV which preceded MAI's takeover bid in January.

It is not clear when, or if, Lord Archer informed Dr Archer, who was appointed a non-executive director of Anglia in 1987, that he had bought and sold Anglia shares on behalf of Mr Saib.

MAI's initial presentation of takeover proposals — not far short of those finally agreed — was made to Anglia's directors on Wednesday, January 12. During the following two days, Lord Archer instructed *Charles Stanley to purchase* two blocks of 25,000 shares and ordered that these should be booked in Mr Saib's name.

The following Tuesday, MAI launched its agreed bid, which sent Anglia's shares up 180p, to 664p. Lord Archer ordered Charles Stanley to sell *and a cheque for close on* £80,000, made out to Mr Saib, was sent to Lord Archer's London address.

Lord Archer has insisted that he did not benefit from the transaction.

The Inland Revenue is reported to be examining the tax affairs of Mr Saib, an Iraqi Kurd who now holds a British passport. Any foreign-born resident in the UK is liable for tax on UK income. Profits from share dealings may also be liable to tax.

Mr Saib recently indicated that he would like to "speak out" about the affair but has since refused to comment on reports of withdrawals in the region of £30,000 from his NatWest current account after a deposit of some £77,000 in February.

Lord Archer has admitted to a "grave error", in view of Dr Archer's directorship of Anglia, but calls for full clarification are likely to reach a crescendo this week.

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Hamish Bryce, TLG's chairman, casts a light over the group's expansion plans

Thorn Lighting switches on to £225m flotation

BY PHILIP PANGALOS

THORN Lighting Group, Europe's second largest supplier of lighting, plans a stock market flotation through a placing and public offer later this year in a move likely to capitalise the group at more than £225 million.

The company, which was the subject of a £172 million management buyout from *Thorn EMI in August 1993*, plans its float at a time when the European light fittings industry is consolidating. TLG, the holding company of Thorn Lighting Group, has operations in 23 countries and more than 4,000 employees. TLG needs the new money to pay off debts and to allow the group to develop and expand.

The proceeds from the flotation will be used to pay off the majority of TLG's debt, thought to be in the region of £100 million, leaving the group with gearing likely to be in the mid-teens.

Hamish Bryce, TLG's executive chairman, said: "We have a leading market position in a number of key territories, both in Europe and the Far East. We've had a lot of new products come out and we've got a lot of new products and initiatives in the pipeline." He said that the proposed reduction of debt after the float and strong cash generation would "provide a platform for subsequent growth".



Sir Christopher: TLG post

He added: "The increased financial flexibility as a result of the flotation should enable TLG to build on its success through further investment in new products, manufacturing and customer service, and by facilitating further penetration of selected markets."

In spite of recessionary conditions in many of TLG's main markets, the group lifted operating profit by 85 per cent over two years, from £11 million in the year to March 31, 1992, to £20.4 million in the year to March 31, 1994.

Among the gainers from the float will be Investcorp, the Bahrain international investment bank that owns about 75 per cent of TLG, and former parent Thorn EMI, which retains 12 per cent. Some 98 managers have a combined 3 per cent stake, with options bringing this nearer 13 per cent undiluted.

TLG has appointed Sir Christopher Benson, chairman of Sun Alliance Group and Costain and a lay-member of the Takeover Panel, as non-executive deputy chairman, while Ian Clubb, finance director of BOC Group and chairman designate of Tiphook, becomes non-executive director.

Housing recovery stalled, says Lloyds

BY OUR CITY STAFF

THE recovery in the housing market appears to have stalled, according to the latest economic bulletin published today by Lloyds Bank.

The monthly bulletin says that from the evidence on the number of house sales taking place, volumes are, at best, at the same levels as a year ago.

The exception is transactions where no mortgages are involved, and Lloyds says that there are reports of keen foreign buyer interest in the United Kingdom market at present.

Patrick Moon, the bank's economic adviser and the author of this month's market analysis, says sales agencies that are members of the Association of Corporate Estate Agents report that up to *July this year net sales were 8* per cent down, compared with last year.

Mr Moon says: "As the estate agency data tends to be the leading indicator of the level of property transactions, this suggests that the next few months could see a *further weakening of the* trend in completed sales."

He adds: "One factor particular to the housing market has been the increase in interest rates on fixed-rate mortgages, which have risen by 1½ per cent at least since February."

The level of future housing market transactions will also be affected by the number of householders caught in the negative equity trap, with mortgage loans larger than the value of the house.

Mr Moon says that this problem will persist for at least another three years.

In spite of the gloomy outlook in the immediate future, Mr Moon believes that UK house prices will rise by an average of 5.5 per cent a year up to 1998.

He says: "Price increases are likely to be closer to 4 per cent a year in 1994 and 1995, and should then accelerate in later years." This five-year persepective is important, he says, as it will not be until 1997 that the problem of negative equity will no longer act as a drag on the housing market.

He adds that regional differences will still be an important feature of the UK housing market over the next five years.

Tax institute chief warns of 'system in danger of collapse'

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BY ROBERT MILLER

THE Treasury yesterday rejected calls for a Royal Commission into the British tax system after the Institute of Taxation said that is was "in grave danger of collapsing".

Ian Lader, the institute president, addressing its annual conference in Nottingham at the weekend, said: "Our tax system is in grave danger of collapsing. We cannot afford another five years of complex legislation of the volume which we have suffered over the past five years." He called for a Royal Commission "to examine the whole of the direct tax system in the UK" and for "a freeze on all but essential new legislation during the two years given to a commission".

Tim Melville-Ross, director general of the Institute of Directors, said yesterday:



Melville-Ross: tax too complex

"There is no getting away from the fact that the whole tax system has become far too complex. The Government, and the Treasury in particular, need to reform taxation on a sector-by-sector basis."

A Treasury spokesman said: "Ministers certainly have no plans for a Royal Commission. But they, too, are concerned about the complexity of tax legislation and have started to address this."

The Inland Revenue said: "We are here to ensure that legislation is adhered to. We do not comment on the policy."

Mr Luder also attacked plans being prepared by the Inland Revenue to give its inspectors even wider powers of search and entry. He said: "They have totally sufficient powers already. If they are extended, they must be tightly drafted and controlled, with proper rights of appeal."

Fund managers 'less bullish'

BY OUR CITY STAFF

IN THE wake of last week's stock market slide, the September survey of City fund managers, conducted by Gallup for Smith New Court, the broker, has found a diminished willingness by UK institutional investors to put money into domestic equities.

The survey, which involved 91 institutions handling funds totalling £978 billion, says that whereas in August a balance of 37 per cent respondents indicated that they were bullish about the short-term outlook for UK equities, this figure has fallen to 35 per cent. The latest bout of market jitters comes after the FT-SE 100 index's slide to end last week at 3,139.3 after a tumble of 102.2 points following falls on four consecutive days. Bonds and shares also fell in America on Friday, with the Dow Jones industrial average sliding 33 points.

The survey shows that enthusiasm for Japanese equities has also waned, although investors no longer seem inclined to sell US equities. The category for all other equities, which includes the Pacific Rim markets, continued to feature as the most-favoured area for new investment, while respondents still appeared to be sellers of overseas bonds.

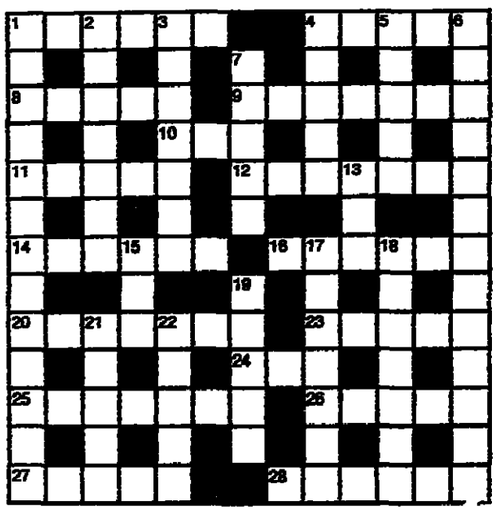
Respondents now expect the retail price index to show a 12-month increase of 2.9 per cent by the end of this year and a rise of 3.7 per cent at the end of 1995.

Eleven per cent of the respondents thought the general economic situation would be a lot better in a year's time, *while 64 per cent thought it* would be a little better.



TIMES TWO CROSSWORD

No 264



ACROSS
1 Take possession of: fill (6)
4 Make gesture of indifference (5)
8 Greyish-brown (5)
9 In the distant past (4,3)
10 Pass between two peaks (3)
11 (Gothic) diagonal rib (5)
12 Stimulus (7)
14 Tell (story); establish: association (6)
16 Art movement associated with Picasso (6)
20 Error (7)
23 One abhorring (5)
24 Greek letter, *F* sound (3)
25 Indian robbers' old practices (7)
26 Dark period (5)
27 Villain (5)
28 Nerve cell (6)

DOWN
1 Boat's removable engine (5,5)
2 Of pivotal importance (7)
3 Maxim; order for raising local tax (7)
4 Early morning (3-2)
5 Respond to stimulus (5)
6 Unselfish helper of one in distress (4,9)
7 Exhausted (3,2); inclusive (3-2)
13 Recede (3)
15 Insect, may live in hill (3)
17 Drive mad: remove eg door (7)
18 Whole number (7)
19 Drive back (5)
21 Wounded by barb, bee (5)
22 Maintain: answer back (5)

SOLUTION TO NO 263

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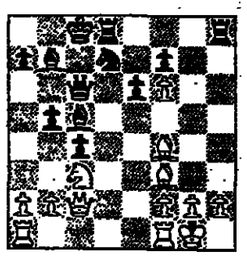
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RECENT TITLES FROM TIMES BOOKS (Reduced postage until Dec 31)

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By Raymond Keene

This position is from the game Johanssen - Ekenberg, Sweden 1974. In this position, Black launched a superb mating combination with a series of sacrifices. Can you do as well?



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Raymond Keene, page 6

By Philip Howard

PEMPHIS
a. A quintuplet
b. A little tropical tree
c. A Byzantine cavalry commander

RHEXIS
a. A flood of blood
b. The spoken word
c. A carnivorous monkey

RAMPSMAN
a. A trucker's assistant
b. A robber with violence
c. A Fresher at St Andrews

RODHAM
a. A verger at Durham Cathedral
b. A dull rock-plant
c. A raised bank

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